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# Crack video was motive for Smith murder, cops told

**New files released.** But cops have own ideas on killing of alleged gangster

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Court documents unsealed Wednesday point to two rumoured motives for the murder of alleged gang member Anthony Smith: retaliation over a robbery or, as Rob Ford's staff told police, the infamous crack-cocaine video.

The files detail how Ford's former chief of staff Mark Towhey and former logistics director David Price spoke with police about how an anonymous tipster gave Price information about the video and Smith.

According to the documents, Price told Towhey about two anonymous calls he received on May 17, the day after the crack-video reports broke.

Police interviewed Price after Towhey relayed the story. Price told them the tipster offered information on "the drug dealers who had (the) tape" and gave him the nickname and phone number of Mohamed Siad — since identified by police as one of the people trying to sell the tape — and his friend Mohamed Farah.

In a second call, Price was told the dealers could be found at Unit 1703, 320 Dixon Rd.

As a result of the calls, Price told police the video was the motive for Smith's murder, the document states. He said he believed the informant was a "supporter" of the mayor.

Price informed Doug Ford and gave him a "heads up" that he was going to be interviewed by police. Doug's response was "Ahh f–k Dave" — not because he was angry but because he "wanted to move forward and put the scandal behind them," the document says.

However, police had a different theory about the murder, via the wiretaps being run in the Project Traveller probe.

At the Loki Lounge on March 28, just before he was shot, Smith texted Liban Siyad to say he saw Saaid Mohiadin at the club and planned to assault him, the document says.

Siyad replied, "Okay halal meat," which police believe means "dead meat" or "kill him." An altercation ensued, and Smith and Mohamed Khattak were shot. Smith died.

"Interceptions ... revealed the murder may have been retaliation for Smith and his associates robbing Mohiadin a.k.a. 'Post' last November," police wrote.

Police thus noted the motive for murder Price gave them is "believed to be incorrect."

The police-document claims have not been proven in court.

Rob Ford faces reporters as he leaves city hall. Court documents released Wednesday have put Ford back at the top of the news cycle. More coverage, page 3. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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# Going rate for a crack video: More than $5,000 and a car

**The wire.** Newly released documents suggest gang members attempted to blackmail Rob Ford

Mayor Rob Ford's habit of doing drugs with gang members led to him being targeted in an apparent extortion plot related to the "crack video" and possibly a series of photographs of him in compromising situations, newly released police documents state.

At one point earlier this year, in a telephone conversation intercepted by police, police say a gang member said Ford offered $5,000 and a car in exchange for the embarrassing video, an offer that was rejected. The same gang member planned to ask for $150,000 from Ford in return for the video of him smoking crack cocaine and making homophobic and racially charged remarks.

Whether Ford paid and obtained the original video is not known. A copy was recently recovered by police on a laptop hardrive.

Meanwhile, the series of wiretap recordings of gang members reveals there were more images of the mayor doing drugs and, according to one man, being in "a lot of f---ed up situations." Crack cocaine and possibly heroin are the drugs involved, along with marijuana, according to the police documents.

The allegations contained in the police documents released by Justice Ian Nordheimer have not been tested in court.

More than any other revelation in the Ford saga, these documents reveal how deeply Ford was involved with members of the Dixon Bloods, a violent drugs and guns gang whose members were busted in a series of June raids called Project Traveller.

From left, Anthony Smith, Monir Kassim and Muhammad Khattak, pictured with Rob Ford, are allegedly linked to a street gang targeted in police raids. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gang members "love" Ford, one man said on a wiretap, but they were all well aware that photos and videos of the mayor were a valuable commodity and insurance against him calling in police to expose their activities.

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# Court documents detail attempts to get mayor's phone back from gang members

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Newly unsealed court documents allege that Sandro Lisi threatened the Dixon Bloods drug dealers who had Rob Ford's missing phone last April, saying: "The Mayor would put heat on Dixon."

The police didn't identify what "heat" referred to in the document. "Put the heat on" is slang for putting pressure on someone, but "heat" can also refer to the police.

When the group was caught on a police wiretap discussing what to tell Lisi when they return the phone, one said they should "make it clear when he gives the phone back that it's not because of the cops."

Another man agrees: "He didn't like being threatened and that they have a picture of Rob Ford on a pipe."

The other man says, "they love and respect Rob Ford but they have Rob Ford on a lot of f---ed up situations and they don't wanna say anything," the document says.

According to the wiretaps, police picked up chatter about a drug delivery to 15 Windsor for Rob Ford shortly after midnight on April 20, 2013. Then, they picked up talk about how Ford was "smoking rocks," slang for crack, and "doing the hezza," which is slang for heroin.

That morning, Lisi began making calls about getting the lost phone back.

The police document's allegations have not been proven in court.

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# ‘Cultural genocide has a face’: ’60s scoop lawsuit organizers

**Beaverhouse First Nation.** Lawsuit against the feds seeks damages for the relocation of aboriginal children

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About 20 spectators in a small but crowded courtroom at Osgoode Hall Wednesday had taken an overnight bus from Northern Ontario to witness a hearing in the “’60s scoop” lawsuit about aboriginal identity. Others said they came for as much time as they could before heading back to work in Toronto.

Organizers behind the scenes of the lawsuit had put out a call on social media to attend the hearing and show that “cultural genocide has a face.”

“They’ve all been affected,” said Maria Brown, chief of Beaverhouse First Nation. “You cannot lose a family member to the ’60s scoop and not be affected. Their grandchildren were taken, or their uncles or ... their sister. They were affected in a negative way.”

Brown, the lead plaintiff, has been working on the case for a decade and first filed it in court four years ago.

The class-action lawsuit against the federal government seeks damages for what’s known as the “’60s scoop,” when child welfare organizations removed children from aboriginal homes in the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s and placed them in non-aboriginal care, where they lost touch with their families, communities and culture.

Wednesday’s hearing was about a motion from federal lawyer Owen Young, asking for leave to appeal a decision that had certified the suit and permitted it to proceed.

Both sides said the case involves a novel area of the law because it brings private law principles to bear on an area of public law; the federal government’s legal relationship with aboriginal people.

Brown’s lawyer Jeffery Wilson argued the novel legal issues should be argued at trial where the full evidence can be heard, while Young argued they first should be heard in a higher court.

Young noted it will be a “massive trial” that deals with aboriginal and colonial history.

According to the statement of claim, there are an estimated 16,000 Ontario residents who could qualify as the part of the claim, because they were swept up in the ’60s scoop. The suit asks for a total of $85,000 for each member.

Beaverhouse First Nation Chief Maria Brown sings and drums outside of the Osgoode Hall courthouse on Wednesday. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

Behind the scenes, the plaintiff’s side has been reaching out to prospective litigants and getting them ready to register for the suit. One of the challenges is the dearth of public records — many of the potential litigants were never given their personal records and don’t know all the details of their own childhoods.

Brown is the representative plaintiff and her story is laid out in the statement of claim.

Brown was removed from her home at age four or five and adopted at age nine. She was raised in a non-aboriginal family, cut off from her family, and lost her native language and culture. When she was 17, her adoptive mother put her on a plane to North Bay, with nothing but the clothes she came to the family with as a 9-year-old, and no cultural identity or legal documents signifying her status.

“In these circumstances, Brown found she was unable to cope,” the statement of claim says. She struggled to return to the aboriginal community she’d been taken from.

Years later, outside of the courthouse, Brown didn’t speak directly about the pain she experienced, except to say she mourned the loss of her language and the pain she suffered ultimately connected her with other ’60s scoop children.

Brown said attending the court hearings is important for people, like her, who are affected by the loss of culture. She doesn’t believe their presence will influence the court.

“When there is a call for justice in this country, the people on that bench can see beyond (that),” she said. “If I didn’t believe there was a recognition of justice in this country I would not do this, it would be a waste of time to me.”

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# Charges. Rapper claims free speech, but woman claims death threat

A Mississauga rapper is appealing to poetic licence to defend himself against charges of criminal harassment and threatening death that stem from the lyrics in one of his songs.

"It's really rap being under attack, because I've never heard of this before," said Darren John, 36, who battle raps under the stage name Avalanche the Architect.

"If this was a heavy-metal group that did this, I don't think it would happen," he said. "I'm not going to accept anything except absolute exoneration."

John briefly appeared in a North York courtroom on Tuesday, where his lawyer, Alison Mackay, requested that his trial be postponed so the Crown and defence can review independently transcribed lyrics of the song, Got Yourself a Gun.

John's argument that artistic freedom should protect him from his charges rings hollow to Sonia Harry. The 33-year-old event co-ordinator went to police last May, when John released the song after they had a falling out and she stopped booking him for rap and hip-hop gigs. John was charged with two counts of uttering threats to cause bodily harm or death, and one count of criminal harassment.

Darren John
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As someone familiar with rap battles, Harry feels John's lyrics "crossed the line" and made her fear for her safety.

"This is direct. He says my name. He's got guns blowing off, saying direct threats that he's going to shoot me," she said.

"How am I supposed to feel as a five-foot-two girl, having this guy that's a giant hulk saying this about me?"

John's trial is slated to begin in April.

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# Cosmetics giants ranked on toxic ingredients

**Report.** Public pressure is beginning to exert influence on chemicals companies use, says Environmental Defence

An environmental group has ranked Canada's five largest cosmetics companies based on potentially harmful ingredients in their products.

The report from Toronto-based Environmental Defence says the big five all have issues with chemicals that could be harmful to human health, but some are doing better than others.

Citing publicly available information and using a basket of five common products, Environmental Defence looked for what it called the "toxic 10" — 10 chemicals that have faced international scrutiny for their proven or potential health hazards.

Maggie MacDonald, toxic programs manager with Environmental Defence, with some of the offending cosmetics displayed at her office in Toronto. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The study ranked Proctor & Gamble best among Canada's big five cosmetics companies, followed by Johnson & Johnson and Unilever.

Estée Lauder and L'Oréal rounded out fourth and fifth place, respectively, principally because they did not publicly post policies on eliminating toxins such as triclosan and phthalates from their products.

"The good news is that some companies are listening to the growing concerns from their customers about the risks of these chemicals," Maggie MacDonald of Environmental Defence said in a release.

"Others need to take the old saying to heart — the customer is always right — and act to remove harmful chemicals."

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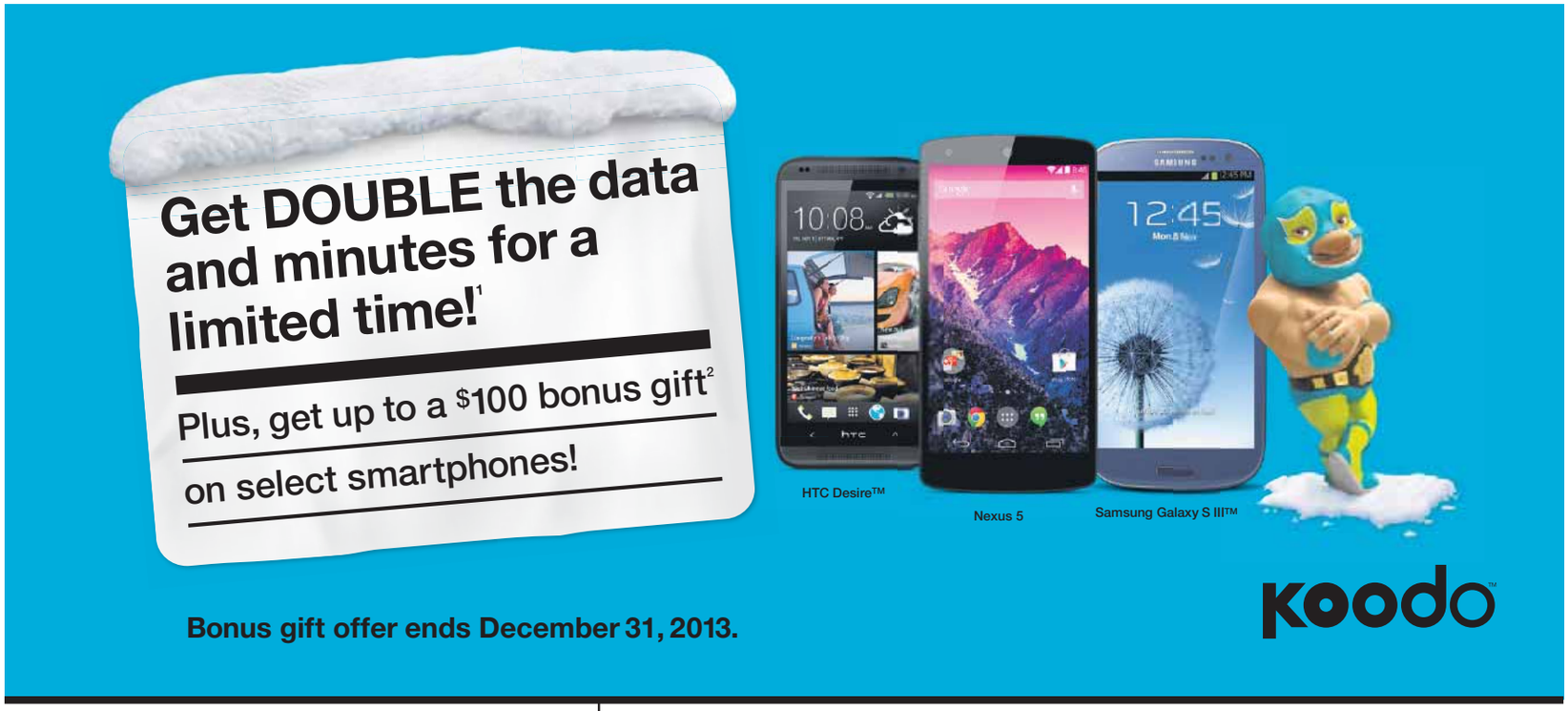
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## Scoring points with kids-in-need

Maple Leafs' winger David Clarkson gets in on Toronto's biggest trade on Wednesday as part of CIBC Miracle Day to help raise funds for kids-in-need. This year, the bank's annual event drew a number of celebrities, including the Barenaked Ladies' Ed Roberston and rock legend Randy Bachman. Last year the event raised $4.5 million for children's charities. CONTRIBUTED

# Bill aims to reform unpaid internships

**First step.** New legislation would extend workplace safety laws to unpaid interns, including co-op students

Ontario student groups welcomed as a first step provincial government plans to reform labour laws to give unpaid interns the same workplace safety protections as paid employees.

Unpaid interns, trainees and co-op students were not previously covered by Ontario's cornerstone workplace safety laws.

The bill was introduced Wednesday at Queen's Park along with other legislative amendments to protect what lawmakers are calling "precarious workers."

"I was very concerned, too, when I found out," said Labour Minister Yasir Naqvi.

Many of the hundreds of thousands of unpaid internships in the province are illegal if they are not part of a school program. In order for a business to be legally exempt from paying its workers, it must meet six strict criteria. Few actually do.

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**"Ultimately we would like to see the government end unpaid work, regardless of who is doing it, and recognize that work is work."**

Kaley Kennedy, Canadian Federation of Students

The ministry plans to blitz colleges and universities next spring with the provincial rules and follow up with surprise inspections of workplaces starting in June, Naqvi said. The department is in the process of hiring an additional 20 employment standards officers, he said.

"We've got the rules that are outlined. What we need to do is better educate business and youth as to what those obligations are," Naqvi told reporters.

Unpaid interns working in exchange for a college or university credit are still exempt from the Employment Standards Act, which sets out hours of work and the minimum wage.

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance said it supports the reforms, which would allow interns the right to refuse unsafe work, among other provisions.

That group also suggests an anonymous hotline to report problems without risking the very reference an intern is working for, and wants to see the Employment Standards Act more strictly enforced. And many student advocates said they eventually want all work to be paid.

"The cost of obtaining a degree is increasing, so to expect students while studying — and then again once they've graduated — to work for free is very troubling," said Brandon Sloan, alliance spokesman. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# PM speaks on spate of suicides

**Fourth soldier takes his life.** Recent rash of deaths puts national attention on the struggles of soldiers

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has weighed in on the spate of apparent soldier suicides that have rocked the Canadian Forces in recent days.

Harper says everyone should encourage veterans in need to reach out to the support and systems that are there to help.

The prime minister's comments came hours after the Defence Department confirmed the military police at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier in Quebec are investigating the death Tuesday of Master Cpl. Sylvain Lelievre, from the 3rd battalion of the Royal 22nd Regiment.

Lelievre is the fourth soldier believed to have committed suicide since last week.

Lelievre joined the Canadian Forces in June 1985 and was deployed to Bosnia between 2001 and 2002, and again in 2004. He also served in Kandahar from 2010 to 2011.

"As the death took place on the base, it is now under military police investigation. As such, it is inappropriate for us to comment on the investigation."

The escalating struggle of soldiers has been resonating across the country since word of the suicides began emerging.

The deaths include a senior non-commissioned officer at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, northwest of Ottawa, as well as two other soldiers in Western Canada.

Veterans advocates say the number of apparent suicides within the military in recent days may only hint at the magnitude of the problem. For every death by suicide, they warn, as many as a dozen others may have unsuccessfully sought the same fate.

Veterans ombudsman Guy Parent said spouses of veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder need to know how to spot the warning signs. He also says greater financial stability is needed for veterans.

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**"The loss of any soldier is devastating to the military community and our condolences go out to his family and friends."**

Capt. Denny Brown, Army Public Affairs

## Engineer says he went into a 'daze' before deadly derailment

A Metro-North Railroad commuter train pulls into the Spuyten-Duyvil station in the Bronx. The station reopened Wednesday, three days after a nearby derailment killed four people. The engineer of the speeding commuter train that ran off the rails along a curve experienced a hypnotic-like "daze" and nodded at the controls before he suddenly realized something was wrong and hit the brakes, a lawyer said. JIM FITZGERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Justice system. Vet says jail ill-equipped for PTSD

A British war veteran recently held in the same Alberta jail where a Canadian soldier killed himself says the justice system doesn't properly deal with people who have post-traumatic stress disorder.

John Collins, diagnosed with PTSD about six years ago, was arrested last month at his home in Lethbridge on various charges, including assault. He has since been released on bail.

Last week he learned about the suicide of the artillery soldier, identified by friends as Travis Halmrast, at the same Lethbridge Correctional Centre.

Collins didn't know Halmrast, but has strong feelings about the case.

"He shouldn't have been there," he said. "From the moment they found out he was ex-military, alarm bells should have been ringing."

Lethbridge police wouldn't talk specifically about the case, but said officers have training to deal with people with mental health issues, including PTSD. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Prison couple. Court dismisses inmates' case

A judge has dismissed an application by two inmates at a Saskatchewan prison who are in a relationship and want to live together.

Jean Richer and Leslie Sinobert argued the Correctional Service of Canada is violating their rights.

The two men told court they are in a "long-standing" relationship and want to live in the same house in the minimum-security annex at the federal Saskatchewan Penitentiary in Prince Albert.

Court heard they are serving life or indeterminate sentences, and were transferred from medium-security to a minimum facility in the spring. They were then assigned to live in different housing units.

Prison officials denied a request by the couple that they be allowed to live under the same roof.

Justice Mona Dovell ruled she has no jurisdiction to determine if a prison's administrative decision is unreasonable.

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George and Ruth sat on the drawing room floor, laughing and tipsy, dinner growing cold on the table in the next room. Ruth was cross-legged opposite him, her gray skirt pulled tight across her knees. She picked up the single sheet of thick ivory paper from her lap and reread the invitation from the newly formed Mount Everest Committee again. "My husband, the world-famous explorer." Ruth held up her glass of wine and he reached out with his own, the crystal ringing in the lamplit room. She was fairly bursting with happiness.
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# Woman who starved boy to death speaks out at inquest

**The inquest.** It's being held 11 years after the boy's death because the grandmother only exhausted all of her appeals last year

A woman who so severely neglected and starved her grandson that he wasted away and died portrayed herself in testimony Wednesday at a coroner's inquest as the boy's only hope, lest he be shipped off to foster care.

Jeffrey Baldwin died in 2002 at age five, having withered away to the weight of a baby and being unable to lift his own head. His grandmother, Elva Bottineau, kept the boy and one of his sisters in a cold, fetid room, where they slept among their own waste, the inquest has heard.

The children's parents were barely out of childhood themselves when they had four kids in quick succession, and nearly as swiftly the kids were taken away by children's aid and handed over to the grandparents.

Both Bottineau and her partner, Norman Kidman, who are now serving life sentences for Jeffrey's second-degree murder, had previous convictions for child abuse when they were granted custody of Jeffrey and three siblings — something the Catholic Children's Aid Society only discovered in its files after the boy's death.

Asked during testimony about a series of diplomas that were on the wall of her home, including one for child psychology, the Grade 9 dropout — with an IQ of 69 — swore they were real, from correspondence courses. She wanted to know how a child's mind works and learn "what Jeffrey was going through," she said.

Bottineau was having a hard time with Jeffrey, she said, describing him as having a "slow learning ability."

"If I asked him to pick up a fork he would go to the spoon, not the fork," she said.

"When I put the crayon inside of his hand ... I would try to get him to do circles on the paper, he wouldn't do it. When I tried to talk with him, that was something else. He would just look at me and it was like a cold stare. He didn't want to do it."

Bottineau spent much of her testimony disparaging her daughter's parenting skills. She didn't want the kids to go into foster care, she said, so she had to look after them.

Contrasted to Bottineau's fears about children's aid societies was a statement from Jeffrey's surviving siblings, read Wednesday at the inquest by their lawyer, saying they have flourished in the care of their loving, supportive foster parents.

They have grown up in separate homes but have regular contact.

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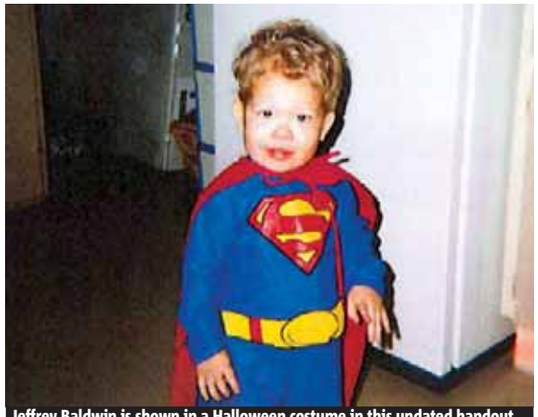

Jeffrey Baldwin is shown in a Halloween costume in this undated handout photo released at the inquest into his death.

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Expense scandal

## Liberal senator wants Gerstein off committee

Conservative Sen. Irving Gerstein has thwarted a Liberal move to oust him as chairman of a powerful Senate committee until he explains his role in the upper chamber's expenses scandal.

Liberal Sen. Céline Hervieux-Payette raised a point of order Wednesday asking that Gerstein step aside as chairman of the banking, trade and commerce committee until his name is cleared by the RCMP or he agrees to testify before another Senate committee about his role.

Gerstein, who heads the Conservative party's fundraising arm, has been identified in RCMP documents as a central figure in the scheme to reimburse Sen. Mike Duffy for his invalid expense claims and to interfere in an independent audit of Duffy's expenses.

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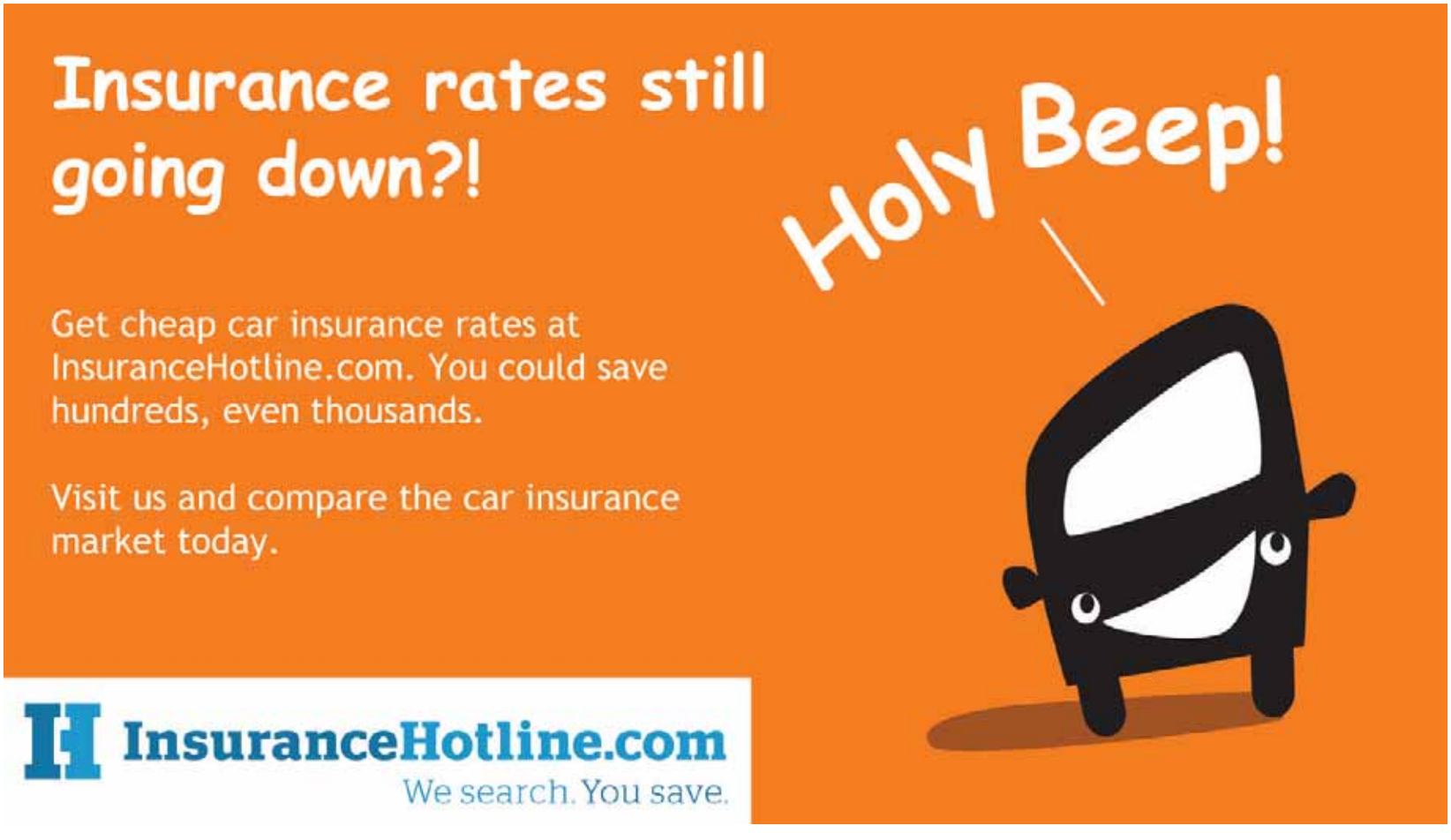
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# Nigella Lawson admits cocaine use

**But 'I have never been a drug addict.'** Celebrity chef testifies in fraud trial of two former assistants, accuses ex-husband of spreading lies to savage her reputation

Celebrity chef Nigella Lawson leaves Isleworth Crown Court in London, Wednesday. ANDREW MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigella Lawson admitted in court Wednesday that she had taken cocaine, but denied being a habitual user, accusing her ex-husband of trying to "destroy" her, during a lacerating day of testimony that laid bare a materially affluent but deeply troubled marriage.

Lawson said she had taken cocaine half a dozen times with her first husband, John Diamond, while he was dying of cancer. And she took it once again in July 2010 at a time when "I felt subjected to acts of intimate terrorism" by then husband Charles Saatchi.

Appearing as a prosecution witness at the trial of Elisabetta and Francesca Grillo, longtime employees who worked as nannies, cleaners and assistants for the couple, Lawson said Saatchi threatened to destroy her if she did not clear his name after he was photographed gripping her throat outside a restaurant.

Coverage of the trial has focused more on the failed marriage of Lawson and Saatchi — who divorced in July following the throat-grabbing incident — and their tempestuous home life than on allegations that two women working for them were living the high life at the couple's unknowing expense.

"He started spreading false allegations of drug use," Lawson said. "I have been put on trial here ... and in the world's press."

Defence lawyers have claimed Lawson used illegal drugs including cocaine, citing an email from Saatchi in which he referred to her as "Higella." They have suggested Lawson ignored the Grillos' lavish expenditure in return for their silence about her drug use. But Saatchi told the court last week that he had never seen Lawson taking drugs. He said the email was written in anger and he regretted sending it.

The Grillos — sisters from Calabria in southern Italy — are accused of using credit cards loaned to them by Lawson and Saatchi for household expenses to spend more than $1 million US on luxury clothes and accommodation at high-end hotels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver

## Rescued sea otter in stable condition

The condition of a sea otter rescued by the Vancouver Aquarium after being shot in the head and body has now improved to stable.

Veterinarian Dr. Martin Haulena says the animal, named Walter, had been in critical condition since it was found near Tofino, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, in October.

Haulena says Walter has undergone extensive medical procedures, including surgeries on one of its flippers and in its mouth, where its teeth were broken by the shotgun blast.

The sea otter was found blinded and riddled with dozens of bird-shot pellets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Newtown school shooting. 911 call recordings released

Recordings of 911 calls from last year's Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting were released Wednesday, and they not only paint a picture of anguish and tension inside the building, they also show Newtown, Conn., dispatchers mobilizing help, reassuring callers and urging them to take cover.

"Keep everybody calm. Keep everybody down. Get everybody away from windows, OK?" one dispatcher told the frightened teacher who reported hearing shots in the hall.

The calls were made public under a court order after a lengthy effort by The Associated Press. Prosecutors had argued that releasing the recordings would only cause more anguish for the victims' families.

Within 11 minutes of entering the school, Lanza had fatally shot 20 children and six educators with a semi-automatic rifle. Lanza also killed his mother in their Newtown home before driving to the school. He committed suicide as police closed in.

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**Emergency response**

**In all, seven recordings of landline calls from inside the school to Newtown police were posted Wednesday. Calls that were routed to state police are the subject of a separate, pending freedom of information request.**

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# Looters, robbers run riot as police strike for more pay

**Cordoba, Argentina.** Hospital authorities reported one shooting death and more than 100 injuries, mostly from shattered glass

A man is detained by police amid spent shell casings outside a supermarket that was being looted in Cordoba, Argentina, Wednesday. MARIO SAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A wave of looting and robberies spread across Argentina's second largest city Tuesday night and continued Wednesday.

Opportunists took advantage of a police strike for higher pay which the provincial governor says was triggered by his closure of brothels that provided a money stream to corrupt officers.

The violence in Cordoba began with storefronts being shattered, mobs stealing merchandise, robbers attacking people in the streets and vigilantes arming themselves to protect their homes. Supermarkets and a mobile television van recording the violence were attacked, even as officers and provincial authorities began negotiations to end the strike.

Gov. Jose Manuel de la Sota said 56 people have been arrested.

He said he's offered police a 52-per cent pay increase, including bonuses for street work or extra duty, for a total of 12,600 pesos a month, which he called "the best salary for police in Argentina," according to Cordoba's Voz del Interior newspaper. That represents about $2,175 monthly at official exchange rate, or about $1,440 at the black market rate many Argentines consider as a more reliable measure of their money's value.

De la Sota described the strike as a police response to his decision to close 140 brothels that provide income to corrupt officers.

National Security Chief Sergio Berni said 2,000 border police are being deployed in Cordoba to help restore peace. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Johns targeted in French anti-prostitution legislation

Protesters who support abolition of prostitution rally outside the French National Assembly in Paris Wednesday as parliament voted 268-138 to pass a bill that would decriminalize solicitation and impose on clients fines of 1,500 euros (about $2,175). The bill now goes to the French senate. Prostitution is currently legal in France, but soliciting and pimping are prohibited. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Radioactive material**

## Deadly cobalt-60 found abandoned near stolen truck

A missing shipment of radioactive cobalt-60 was found Wednesday near where the stolen truck transporting the material was abandoned in central Mexico state, the country's nuclear safety director said.

The highly radioactive material was found in an empty lot about a kilometre from Hueypoxtla, an agricultural town of about 4,000 people, but it poses no threat or a need for an evacuation, said Juan Eibenschutz.

The cargo truck hauling cobalt-60 that had been used in medical equipment was stolen from a gas station early Tuesday, and authorities had put out an alert in six central states and the capital looking for it.

Eibenschutz said direct exposure to cobalt-60 could result in death within a few minutes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Towering over his fellow protest leaders, boxing champion and presidential hopeful Vitali Klitschko attends a rally in front of the parliament building in Kyiv, Ukraine, in April. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Boxing champ joins protests in Ukraine

**Vying for the title of president.** WBC heavyweight champ Vitali Klitschko emerges as Ukraine's most popular opposition figure

Thanks to his sports-hero status and reputation as a pro-Western politician untainted by Ukraine's frequent corruption scandals, six-foot-seven Vitali Klitschko has surpassed jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko in opinion polls.

As massive anti-government protests continue to grip Ukraine, the 42-year-old boxer-turned-politician is urging his countrymen to continue their fight to turn this ex-Soviet republic into a genuine Western democracy.

"This is not a revolution. It is a peaceful protest that demands justice," Klitschko told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday. "The people are not defending political interests. They are defending the idea of living in a civilized country."

Dubbed Dr. Ironfist for his prowess in the boxing ring, Klitschko has scored 45 victories in 47 fights, 41 of them with knockouts. He has successfully defended his title 11 times, most recently in September 2012, and plans to have one more bout before he retires.

Now Klitschko must prove that he has as much stamina in the political arena.

Despite earning a doctorate in sports science, Klitschko has had to fight a stereotype of being intellectually unfit to run this economically troubled nation of 46 million.

Still, he appeals to many Ukrainians with his air of sincerity and his image as a handsome tough guy ready to defend his compatriots.

The angry protests were sparked by the president's abrupt decision last month to ditch a political and economic treaty with the 28-nation European Union in favour of closer economic ties with Russia, which had threatened Ukraine with trade consequences if the country signed the EU deal.

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**Fighting words**

**"They stole our hope."**

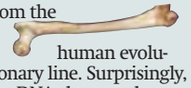
**Vitali Klitschko, politician and boxer**
speaking about the political climate in Ukraine

**Human evolution**

## 400,000-year-old bone discovered

Scientists have reached farther back than ever into the human ancestry to analyze DNA from a bone found in Spain estimated to be 400,000 years old.

The feat surpasses the previous age record of about 100,000 years for genetic material recovered from the



human evolutionary line. Surprisingly, the DNA shows a close relationship to Denisovans, who lived in Siberia and apparently elsewhere in Asia, far from the Spanish cave where the bone was found.

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# B.C. Defunct clinic to dispose of sperm samples

A B.C. Supreme Court judge has given a clinic at the B.C. Women's Centre for Reproductive Health in Vancouver permission to destroy and dispose of sperm specimens if clients don't let the clinic know by Dec. 24 that they want the samples transferred to another facility.

The clinic has been storing sperm for more than 400 class-action members since 2010, when those samples were transferred from a lab run by UBC.

The group, led by lead plaintiff Howard Lam, is suing the university after a power failure in 2002 destroyed hundreds of sperm samples. Lawyer Arthur Grant, who is representing the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, had argued against the order, as it could "negatively impact the rights of the plaintiff and class members in the class action."

But the clinic stopped operating last year, none of its clients are paying for storage, and it doesn't have the money to keep storing the specimens, court documents posted online this week say. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Samples that may be lost**

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# ‘IT’S AN INSULT’: SEALERS

**Made in Newfoundland.**
Sealers defend hunt in wake of WTO decision to uphold EU trade ban

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“Here you are trying to manoeuvre through the ice — you got to watch those big ice pans — and a big swell in the water ... the boat was moving back and forth ... you got to watch how you’re getting through because they can throw together and put a hole right on through the boat, really — it has happened — and then you’re trying to get a shot at the seal at the same time and with this buzzing over you.”

Keith Bath, 67, first encountered “this buzzing” of an animal-rights helicopter during last year’s seal hunt off the coast of St. Anthony, N.L.

Bath, who now lives in La Scie, N.L., has been sealing for 50 years.

Last year’s catch “amounted to close to $300,000,” Bath estimates. Each of his seven crew members receive nine per cent of the cut. Fuel, his biggest cost, runs around $20,000. After expenses, the seal hunt represented 40 per cent of his annual income for 2013, he says.

Seal hunters drag a dead seal to their boat in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence in this 2008 photo. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

His boat landed some 7,600 seals in two weeks, the majority of which were beater seals, roughly 25 days old. Hunting younger seals, or whitecoats, has been banned since 1987.

In the vast majority of those 7,600 deaths, Bath says he used a .222-, .223-, .22250- or .243-calibre rifle with a scope. Bullets cost just over a dollar each, he says.

“Not many seals are killed with a hakapik (club) from a longliner (65-footer),” he says of his vessel, which tows a speedboat used by the rest of his crew to collect the seals from the ice. “Good sealers like we are — you know, most everyone — try to make sure that they got a good shot and a head shot ... and if we sees that it’s crippled, we just gives it another bullet.”

Bath is one of 4,000 fishermen in Newfoundland and Labrador certified by the Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board, which trains sealers in the humane killing of the animals, the regulatory process and proper handling procedures.

That certification, coupled with monitoring by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, ensures a humane hunt, according to Frank Pinhorn, executive director of the Canadian Sealers Association.

Pinhorn balked at the World Trade Organization’s recent decision to uphold the European Union ban on Canadian seal products based on the necessity “to protect public morals.”

Keith Bath

“The decision, based on ethics and morality, is an insult to all our sealers,” Pinhorn says, adding the reason sealers are targeted by animal-rights groups is “because it’s an easy thing to do. They just lucked into the imagery of red, intense blood on pure, white ice.

“They’ll lie, they’ll cheat, they’ll use deceit — because the people making these decisions (at WTO and EU) know absolutely nothing about what it means to live in Mary’s Harbour, or St. Anthony, or Twillingate, and earn a living from the ocean.”

Beyond that, the regulations are heavily enforced, he says. All boats are subject to inspection. Bath says in 2012 one such DFO officer observed his practices.

“I try everything in the world to make sure that it’s done as clean as we can do it,” Bath says.

“You can make a mistake, anyone can make a mistake. But 90 per cent, I’d say, of (those who) goes out there try to do it as good as they can, have as clean a go as possible.”

**Protecting ‘public morals’**

## *WTO ruling a finding of fact*

The World Trade Organization decision last week to uphold the European ban on Canadian seal products as “necessary to protect public morals” marked a breakthrough in animal-welfare cases, according to a professor of international law.

Robert Howse, who teaches at New York University, says this is because the WTO panel based its decision on factual findings versus legal findings. They differ in one key respect: A legal finding can be appealed to the appellate body — a factual finding cannot.

“What Canada did claim was that concern about the seal hunt was, on the facts, not a matter of public morality, but the emotional, eccentric opinions of one section of the European public,” Howse said.

“(But) the EU presented evidence that is compelling: That you can’t have a humane seal hunt in Canada, and the reason you can’t is that the conditions under which the hunt occurs are such that it’s really not possible to ensure and monitor that humane hunting techniques are being used.

“In other situations of animal welfare (such as slaughterhouses), it would usually be possible to address moral concerns without a ban, by merely requiring that standards of humane treatment be monitored and enforced.”

The WTO also ruled, however, the ban does not apply to Inuit or indigenous communities, “because an advantage granted by the European Union to seal products originating in Greenland (specifically, its Inuit population) is not accorded immediately and unconditionally to the like products originating in Canada.”

The Canadian government said it would appeal the ban. “Of course the Canadian government is going to appeal,” says Howse, “but the fact is that they’re not going to win anything of value.”

**Quoted**

**“It’s the perfect bourgeois cause, because for the people who (oppose it), in Europe or downtown Toronto, it doesn’t affect their own lives at all, not even in the slightest. If they were to get excited about global warming or something, they might have to question how they impact on the environment. But they don’t have to do that with the seal hunt; they can blame it all on those nasty Newfoundlanders ... And it has great visuals.”**

**Lars Osberg, professor of economics at Dalhousie University,**
on how the EU seal ban will affect a small part of the population significantly while hardly putting a dent in the region’s economy

# EU ban a win for animal rights groups

A harp seal.
JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Sheryl Fink has observed the seal hunt for 11 years, both in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and off the eastern coast of Newfoundland, known as the Front.

She says she went to observe "the cruelty, the inhumane killings."

"It's allowable to hook a seal in the face," said Fink, seal campaign director for the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). "An animal is allowed to be hooked in the face by the gaffe and dragged to the boat."

The decision last week by the panel of the World Trade Organization was a victory for IFAW and other animal-rights groups.

The 27-member state European Union is now part of 34 countries that ban Canadian seal products, including the U.S. (1972), Russia (2011) and most recently Taiwan (2013).

IFAW and other non-governmental organizations like the International Humane Society submitted an Amicus Brief with their own research and findings referred to by the European Commission in its defence of the seal ban. IFAW was also consulted by the EU as a stakeholder alongside the sealing industry to develop and implement the regulations of the EU ban on seal products, which came into force Aug. 20, 2010.

"This is significant in that it's just another international body that's looked at the seal hunt ... and they said seal bans are OK," Fink said of the WTO's ruling, adding it's another indication the world does not want seal products.

Sheryl Fink CONTRIBUTED

Haven't organizations like the IFAW created a negative view of seal products?

"It's very easy to blame the NGOs and say that we've brainwashed everyone — and I only wish we were that powerful, that we've brainwashed the WTO, and the Russian Federation, and Taiwan. I kind of wish that were true," she said, laughing.

"I think the reality is people just don't want seal products; this just isn't a product that is wanted or needed in the 21st century, just like we don't do commercial whaling anymore. I think the time has come where commercial sealing is going to be disappearing."

**Check online**

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**In numbers**

## $2.8M

According to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, roughly 89,000 seals worth $2.8 million were landed in Newfoundland and Labrador alone.

## $590M

The provincial fishery's total catch was nearly $590 million, according to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

## $1.8M

The International Fund for Animal Welfare spent $1.8 million on its seal campaign in 2012. The IFAW raised $2.4 million total that year. But it does non-restrictive fundraising: donors gave the money to the IFAW, which then allocated the funds toward the seal campaign.

**1800s**

The commercial seal hunt's main purpose is to extract oil, large quantities of which are shipped to Britain for fuel for lamps, as a lubricant, as cooking oil, in processing leather and jute, and as a constituent in soap.

**1914**

The crew of the hunting vessel Newfoundland is caught on the ice for two days in a snowstorm. Seventy-eight men freeze to death on the ice, while 55 survivors lose limbs.

**1980s**

In 1983, the European Economic Community bans the importation of whitecoats (unweaned harps) and bluebacks (young hooded). In 1987, the federal government prohibits the commercial harvest of whitecoats and bluebacks, and hunting from large vessels.

**2009 - Present**

In 2009, the European Union bans the import of Canadian seal products. In 2011, the Russian Federation bans the import of seal products. In 2013, Taiwan follows suit.

SOURCE: DFO

**Regulating the hunt**

**Department of Fisheries and Oceans says officers are looking most closely at the '3-step process' recommended by the Independent Veterinarians Working Group (IVWG).**

- The amendment involves: a) striking (with approved firearm or hakapik), b) checking (that both halves of the cranium are crushed), and c) bleeding (before waiting a minute to skin the animal).
- DFO says the seal hunt can be properly regulated because the seals — and therefore the sealers — are often concentrated in the same areas: in the Gulf around the Magdelan Islands and in the Front east of the northern peninsula.
- DFO monitoring is done by fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter, boat and deployment of officers to each sealing vessel.



## DAOUST

Dr. Pierre-Yves Daoust is a professor of Anatomic Pathology and Wildlife Pathology at the University of Prince Edward Island.

"From an animal welfare perspective, these animals (should) be killed as quickly as possible — realizing that it is a hunt and therefore it's not necessarily successful 100 per cent of the time, just like the slaughtering of domestic animals in slaughterhouses is not effective 100 per cent of the time," said Daoust. "We insisted at the WTO hearing we go back to the EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) report and see what they said, and there is no evidence there that the seal hunt is any worse than other forms of the exploitation of animals. The problem is because of the nature of the hunt — because of the nature of any hunt — it's very difficult to have robust, statistically valid observation of the whole hunt, which takes into account the weather, the types of boats, the education of individual sealers and coming up with a figure that says, X per cent of the animals are not killed properly."

## DEBATE

**Like issues of economic viability and morality, the science around the Canadian seal hunt is divided. Metro interviewed experts in veterinary medicine and animal welfare about the key issue surrounding the hunt: Are seals killed in a humane manner? Both testified at the WTO hearings:**

## BROOM

Dr. Donald Broom is a professor of Animal Welfare at the Department of Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University, whose research includes assessing animal welfare, including pain. "I have seen that some statements by animal protection societies over-emphasize the negative aspects of sealing and some statements by sealers over-emphasize the quality of their methods," said Broom. "Seals are complex animals with a pain system similar to ours, so an injury for some minutes or hours is a major welfare problem in seals. Almost all farm animals in slaughterhouses are handled without fear being caused to them. The stunning procedure in a slaughterhouse usually causes no pain and the animal dies without recovering consciousness. It is rare for the electrical procedure or captive-bolt gun application not to work, but if it does, a second stun occurs within a few seconds. I think that it is correct that many seals shot with a rifle die without suffering. However, the number that are not killed, or rendered unconscious with the initial shot or shots, and hence which do suffer, is high."

# Man who put photos of wife's corpse online pleads not guilty

**Florida.** No decision yet on whether state will seek death penalty

A Florida man pleaded not guilty Wednesday to first-degree murder charges in the fatal shooting of his wife, whose bloody corpse was later depicted in photos he posted on Facebook.

The plea was entered during a brief hearing by an attorney for Derek Medina, 31, who also faces charges of illegally discharging a firearm inside their Miami home and with child neglect without violence. The young daughter of Medina's wife, 26-year-old Jennifer Alfonso, was in the home at the time, but was not harmed.

No decision has been made on whether the state will seek the death penalty, said Assistant State Attorney J. Scott Dunn. Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Yvonne Colodny set a Jan. 29 status hearing to discuss the potential death penalty and scheduled a tentative trial date for March 17.

Medina did not speak during the hearing. His attorneys have previously said he shot his wife in self-defence while she attacked him after several previous abusive episodes. Police say she was cowering and likely on her knees when Medina filed the fatal shots.

Prosecutors said they also have evidence that Medina had told other people he would kill Alfonso if she ever tried to leave him. Medina himself told investigators his wife had announced she was leaving earlier that day.

Medina attorney Saam Zanganeh said evidence received from Facebook totals between 7,000 and 8,000 documents.

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Derek Medina, flanked by his attorneys, takes a look around during his arraignment in court on Wednesday, in Miami. Medina pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder charges in the fatal shooting of his wife, whose bloody corpse was later depicted in photos he posted on Facebook. WALTER MICHOT/THE MIAMI HERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Eerie explanation**

## *Why did he post the photos?*

According to a statement Medina made to police, he decided to post the photos of his dead wife on Facebook to notify friends and family about what had happened. Their argument began, he said, after he failed to wake up in time for the couple's plans to watch movies on television.

Along with the photos, Medina added on Facebook, "Im going to prison or death sentence for killing my wife love you guys miss you guys take care Facebook people you will see me in the news."

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# 9/11. Court rules collapse of third building was not the result of negligence

Negligence was not the cause of the collapse of a third World Trade Center tower several hours after the twin towers were destroyed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, a federal appeals court said Wednesday, absolving a developer and others of responsibility in the destruction of the 47-storey building.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan said it was "simply incompatible with common sense and experience to hold that defendants were required to design and construct a building that would survive the events of September 11, 2001."

The decision upheld the rulings regarding World Trade Center 7 by U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein, who had written that the claims by the Consolidated Edison Co. of New York and its insurance companies were "too farfetched and tenuous" to survive. Con Ed and the insurance companies had claimed that a company owned by developer Larry Silverstein and other defendants could be held liable.

Judge Rosemary Pooler wrote in the majority decision that Con Ed's interpretation would mean that those who designed and constructed the building would presumably be liable if it "collapsed as a result of a fire triggered by a nuclear attack on lower Manhattan."

The judge wrote that while concepts that would allow an entity to pursue a liability claim "must, by their nature, be fluid, at the end of the day they must engage with reality."

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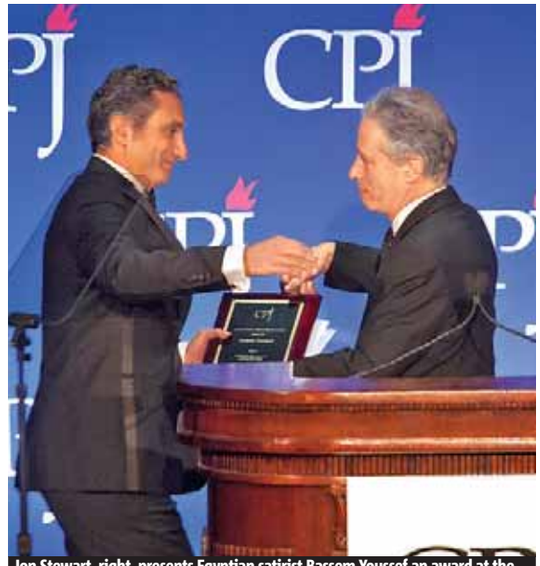
**7 World Trade Center**

**The building fell at 5:21 p.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, nearly seven hours after the other buildings collapsed.**

- A new 52-storey 7 World Trade Center was completed in 2006.

# Egypt satirist says axed show doesn't make regime look nice



Jon Stewart, right, presents Egyptian satirist Bassem Youssef an award at the Committee to Protect Journalists' International Freedom Awards at the Waldorf Astoria on Nov. 26 in New York City. The annual awards ceremony recognizes journalists who risk their lives and liberty defending press freedom.

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**The Program.** Bassem Youssef, often compared to Jon Stewart, says he believes military wasn't behind cancellation, but still calls it 'worrying'

Popular Egyptian satirist Bassem Youssef said Wednesday that he'll take the military and the government it backs at their word that they were not behind the decision to take his weekly TV program off the air, but he said it still doesn't make them look "very nice."

**Quoted**

**"We keep saying that we won't go back to the old ways. But this is worrying."**

**Egyptian satirist Bassem Youssef,** on possible political motivations for the cancellation of his popular TV show

Youssef, often compared to Jon Stewart, spoke in a TV interview, his first televised appearance in Egypt since October. The private Egyptian station CBC suspended his show after the season's first episode, which was highly critical of the military and the nationalist fervour gripping the nation after a coup that ousted Islamist leader Mohammed Morsi.

The station said the satirist had violated its editorial policy and contractual obligations, and that he upset Egyptians sensibilities by attacking "symbols of the state."

Government and presidential officials at the time said the decision was a private issue between Youssef and the station.

Youssef, whose show called The Program mirrored Stewart's The Daily Show, said he truly believes the military-backed government's denials, but added that "at the end of the day, the regime doesn't look very nice."

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# England. Care for a tent and a spot of tea after getting blotto at the pub?

With the festive season approaching, the scourge of drunk drivers returns. But one pub in Worcestershire, central England, has an innovative solution: installing a campsite in the garden for those too intoxicated to drive home. The Drum and Monkey's Paul Miller took our questions.

The Drum and Monkey in Worcester, England. CONTRIBUTED

**How did you come up with this?**

We heard about a pub in the area that had apartments for customers to use if they needed. There was nothing like that here so we contacted a tent company and they were happy to sponsor the idea.

**Did you have a problem with unruly drunks refusing to leave?**

It's not about drunks, more for people who have had just too many drinks to drive, and it's just for December. The police have told us it's a fantastic idea.

**What do your neighbours think?**

I don't know, but it can't be a bad thing to have free camping facilities. We have not heard any concerns: This is a country pub and we don't have many kids making trouble.

**What kind of luxury can I expect if I sleep there?**

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## No good deed goes un-Instagrammed

Employees at two Ann Arbor, Mich., bars have seen some unusually big tips this year.

The Ann Arbor News reports that in September a $3,000 US tip was left for a $87.98 US bill and $7,000 US for a $200 US bill.

The tips are among a number reported around the country in recent months. They're chronicled on the photo-sharing application Instagram using the "tipsforjesus" name.

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Germany

## Two arrested in Bitcoin scheme

German police say they have arrested two people and seized illegally generated bitcoins worth more than 700,000 euros ($950,000 US) in an investigation of computer fraud.

Police say the perpetrators used the processing power of the hacked computers to generate bitcoins, a cryptography-based digital currency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

**DOLLAR** 93.65¢ (-0.26¢)

**TSX** 13,304.92 (-14.95)

**OIL** $97.20 US (+$1.16)

**GOLD** $1,247.20 US (+$26.40)

**Natural gas:** $3.96 US (-2¢)
**Dow Jones:** 15,889.77 (-24.85)

Boomers are starting to catch up to younger tech-obsessed consumers when it comes to tech gadgets and getting hooked on the Internet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# Boomers addicted to web, gadgets too

**Coming together over technology.** Study finds baby boomers catching up to Gen Y and Z when it comes to adopting, using devices

Canadian boomers have lagged behind younger tech-obsessed consumers when it comes to buying gadgets and getting hooked on the web, but a new report suggests that might be changing.

The results of telephone surveys with more than 6,000 Canadians conducted on behalf of the Media Technology Monitor were used to compare technology trends among members of Gen Y (defined as 24- to 33-year-old consumers), Gen Z (aged 18 to 23) and the 47-to-67 boomer demographic.

Younger consumers were earlier adopters of smartphones and streaming web video but some of the gaps may be narrowing as well-heeled boomers are eagerly discovering new technologies.

"While (boomers) have not grown up with publicly available Internet and wireless technologies, they have become avid users of these offerings," states the report.

"Younger boomers are reaching their earning prime, giving them money to spend on media technology."

Almost half of all boomers said they were smartphone owners. While, about 82 per cent of Gen Z and 78 per cent of Gen Y poll respondents said they had an iPhone, Google Android phone, a BlackBerry, or another high-tech phone.

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Tablets and Netflix

**The only example of boomers leading was with tablets.**

- About 36 per cent of younger boomers, between 47 and 57, said they owned a tablet, compared to Gen Y (34 per cent) and Gen Z (28 per cent).
- Boomers said they were not yet big users of Netflix, averaging less than an hour on the streaming service a week. Gen Y consumers said they watched a couple of hours of Netflix a week. While the members of Gen Z said they watched almost two and a half hours of the video-streaming service each week.

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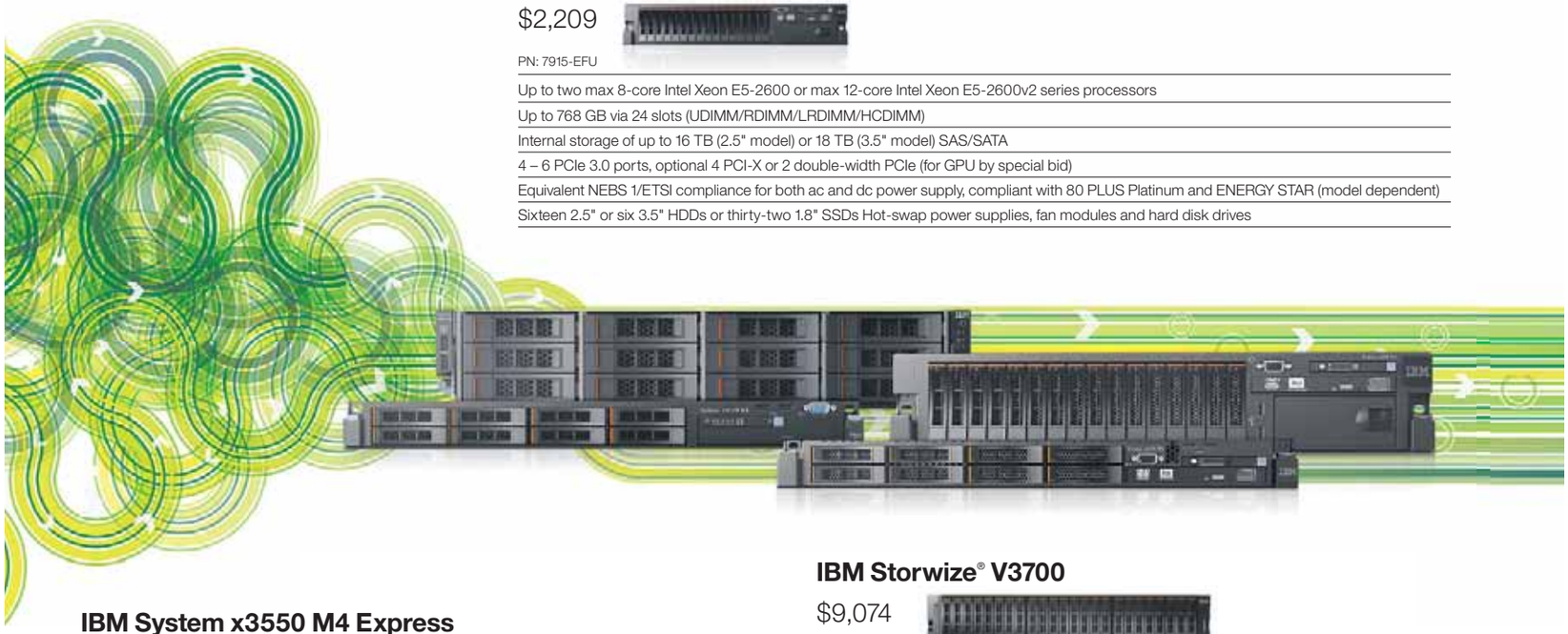

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I've always believed in Santa Claus, because the speed at which he delivers gifts is no faster than the speed at which I buy them.

I shop at a speed that renders me blurry to onlookers.

If there were commandos descending into a mall via zip lines and they saw me entering the store, the first words they would say when their boots touched the ground would be, "Hey, where'd he go?"

Christmas shopping is a necessary Eve-ill, but I treat the mall like it's radioactive and I've left my radiation suit at home. Think of Superman cleaning up his apartment after Lois unexpectedly rings the doorbell — scrubbing his Supershower and hiding his Superporn in a blue-red blur of anxiety.

If you find yourself spending untold minutes at the mall, here are a few pointers I follow to make sure my strategic incursion into the commercial side of the holidays isn't much longer than a holiday commercial.

1) The first step to make Christmas shopping fly by is to **have a plan**. If I write "Buy my brother a Blu-Ray he already owns" or "Break a nice ornament for Mom before I leave the parking lot," it makes it that much more efficient when it happens.

It also helps if you make a point of setting aside 4:45 to 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, so that you're not panicking when shopping time arrives.

2) **Make room for yourself.** Depending on the mood at the mall, being jammed into a sea of zombie-like shoppers can be as terrifying as Night of the Living Dead or as tedious as The Walking Dead. And thanks to terrorism in recent decades, it's no longer appropriate to yell "Bomb!" in a crowded area.

Instead, start your day off with a hearty breakfast of garlic bulbs, baked beans and whole onions and watch those shoppers disperse like they're pepper and you're a bar of soap.

Not willing to wait in a long line? In New Brunswick, Saskatchewan or other rural areas, a seasonal cry of, "That store wrote 'Xmas' on their sign! Why do they hate the baby Jesus?" is usually enough for the line to leave in a mob (careful of the torches and pitchforks).

In Toronto, Vancouver or other metropolitan areas, try, "My word, is that a Discount Divorce, Yoga and Kale Salon?" Watch for latte splashback as they depart.

3) Don't forget that **the gifts you choose can help speed up the process.** For instance, if your kids aren't worth it, just buy batteries that will help power the toys bought by other relatives.

Or, if you believe in the true spirit of Christmas, why not take the money you would have spent on gifts and spend it on the world's many charities? What child wouldn't be touched to hear that you skipped out on the PlayStation so you could put $500 in the Salvation Army pot? What spouse could argue about vacations when you've spent all the Christmas savings on refugees?

Your whole family will be moved to tears, I guarantee.

This also might be another good time to put the Superman/Santa speed to good use.

You'll believe a man can fly.

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# Renovation turns things around

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## House is flipped topsy-turvy

A British artist has given the figure of speech 'to turn a place upside down' a literal side by making a building topsy-turvy. Alex Chinneck, from London, England, has created an upside-down façade to a derelict building in the centre of the city. The site where the artwork stands dates from 1780 and had been slated for demolition. METRO

Artist's bizarro world

**"I enjoy tapping into people's love for the simple pleasures in life, like magic and illusion. There is more to life than survival — there is culture that is uplifting and pleasurable."**

Alex Chinneck, artist

Chinneck's previous work was a brick façade in Margate, England, that "melted" off the side of a house. COURTESY STEPHEN O'FLAHERTY

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**If you think Instagram is just a den of food snapshots and "narcissistic" selfies, you're doing it wrong. Here are some users to follow for a glimpse of the photo-sharing site's creative side.**

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**@rachelryle:**
The recent introduction of video has allowed Rachel Ryle to bring her brand of stop-motion animation to Instagram. Be careful, Ryle's quirky, simple videos can be addictive.

**@payphones:**
Dan Marker-Moore's account documents the dying days of the public payphone. The concept is simple, but the portraits are carefully composed and possessed of more pathos than you might expect.

**@andrewknapp:**
If you ever wished Waldo, of Where's Waldo fame, was a dog, then Andrew Knapp's account is for you. Knapp takes pictures of his border collie Momo hiding in the wilds of northern Ontario. How quickly can you spot him? (Hint: Look for the red bandana.)

Comments

**RE: Woman Fights Ticket For Driving With Google Glass, published Dec. 3**

'Suspicion' of speeding? And after the car was stopped? Are all police, dolts? Sounds to me more like the cop didn't actually have a reason to pull her over in the first place. Having a means of distraction nearby does not mean she was distracted.
**jeff200 posted to metronews.ca**

How about 'suspicion of being stupid'? Why are drivers going out of their way to find new ways of being distracted?
**CCToronto posted to metronews.ca**

How about ... the report is probably incorrect in stating 'suspicion of speeding'? She was likely caught for speeding; period. Police won't write a ticket for 'suspicion of speeding' lol! Preposterous.
**Koree Em posted to metronews.ca**

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# Life imitates art for Guy in Once

**Musical.** Play tells the story of a broke artist trying to make it big and the lady who falls in love with his music

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Stuart Ward and Dani de Waal from the Once Tour Company. JOAN MARCUS

Back in 2007, Stuart Ward was ready to give up. After years of trying to make it as both an actor and musician, he'd hit a wall.

"I was living in London, working in a bar, getting paid about a third as much money as I needed to survive," he recalls.

Little did he know then that this bout of personal hardship would give him fertile material to pull from in his current role as Guy in the touring production of the Tony Award-winning musical Once.

Based on the 2007 indie film — stars Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová won an Oscar for Best Song — the musical mirrors its source material, chronicling the budding relationship of a disillusioned street musician (Guy) and the young Czech Girl (played by Dani De Waal) who falls for his music.

The similarities between Ward and Guy were striking. Ward, a guitarist, had even busked on the streets of Manchester.

Yet when producers came calling, Ward had already taken up a position, playing guitar in the touring band for Cliff Richard, the British equivalent of Elvis Presley.

Thankfully they were able to work out a schedule that allowed Ward to join the show.

"There's a lot to ask for technically from whoever plays the part," he says, noting that the ability to play guitar was a major factor in his getting the part.

"If there was a solo dance break I wouldn't have got the job."

The film's sense of intimacy, amplified when word spread that Hansard and Irglová had fallen in love during its creation, was a hallmark, a fact that wasn't lost on the show's producers.

"It's not 'I can't express what I'm trying to say through words anymore so therefore I have to sing,'" he says.

"This is more of a play with music as a part of it."

Once runs to Jan. 5 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, 260 King St. West.

See mirvish.com for tickets and details about the show.

**Shyness**

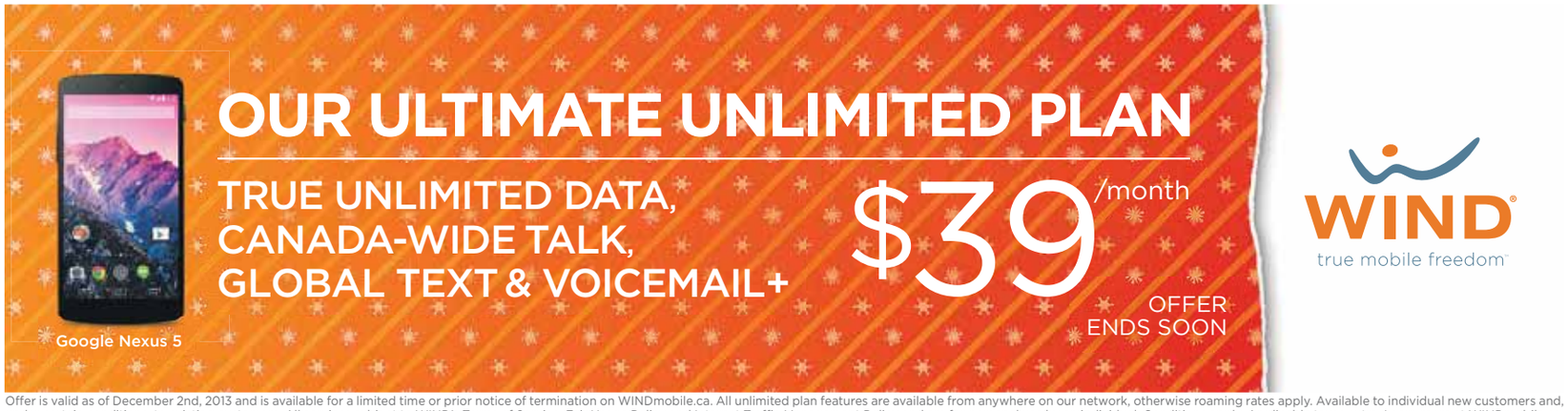
## *Girl talks*

Like her co-star, there are many similarities between Dani De Waal and the Girl character she plays in Once.

While the Girl has the nerve to speak to a total stranger on the street, she becomes quite shy when it comes to singing along with Guy's beautiful music. De Waal, a pianist, played for years, taking lessons throughout school.

But she admits that performing in front of an audience is "definitely new to me. I haven't even been in a band."

Enda Walsh, who wrote the script, thought it brought a innocence to the role.

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# Affleck Out of the Furnace and back into the limelight

**Acting break.** Gone Baby Gone star took time out to make I'm Still Here with Joaquin Phoenix and has no regrets

This year marked Casey Affleck's return to the big screen after the Oscar-nominated star took a break from acting for a while. In recent months, his Sundance Film Festival hit Ain't Them Bodies Saints had a slow rollout in select theatres internationally, and this Friday he can be seen in North American cinemas as a struggling Iraq war vet in Out of the Furnace.

The projects come three years after Affleck released his directorial effort, the controversial mockumentary I'm Still Here, in which a dishevelled Joaquin Phoenix pretended he was quitting his Oscar-nominated acting career to become a hip-hop artist.

The film was maligned for duping audiences into thinking it was real, and Affleck admits "it was risky in its style" and also a risk for his own acting career as it "sucked up a good deal" of his time and kept him from doing onscreen projects.

"You take a break in Hollywood, you don't act in something for a couple of years, people just forget about you.

That's a lifetime in Hollywood almost, so it's hard to bounce back from that," said the 38-year-old, who got an Oscar nomination for his supporting role in 2007's The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford. That's not to say he regrets making I'm Still Here.

"I mean, regret seems pointless," Affleck said in a recent telephone interview. "It's not a useful emotion really, although it's always there sort of lingering around. If you're willing to go sit on the stoop with regret, it'll hang out with you, but it's a waste of time.

"So it didn't perform that well, but neither did Jesse James, and I love that movie. So often movies don't perform well," he added. "Life goes on, you know. I feel pretty blessed to just be doing this.

"And look at me now, you know, I get to work with Christian Bale, Scott Cooper and Forest Whitaker and Woody Harrelson and on and on and on. What could be better?."

Affleck was referring to the all-star team behind the gritty drama Out of the Furnace, which is directed by Cooper, who helmed and co-wrote the 2009 Oscar-winning film Crazy Heart. Cooper also co-wrote the "Out of the Furnace" script with Brad Ingelsby. Producers include Leonardo DiCaprio and Ridley Scott.

Bale stars as Russell Baze, a hard-working steel mill employee in poverty-stricken Braddock, Penn., during the 2008 economic downturn.

Affleck deftly plays his troubled younger brother, Rodney, an Iraq war vet who can't find work when he returns home from duty. Indebted to shady characters, he turns to gambling and underground fighting to make a quick buck, forcing his brother to look out for his wellbeing.

Harrelson brings chills as Harlan DeGroat, vicious leader of a backwoods crime ring in the New Jersey Ramapo Mountains. Whitaker plays a cop. Other cast members include Willem Dafoe as a bookie, Zoe Saldana as Russell's girlfriend and Sam Shepard as the brothers' uncle.

Affleck said he did research into post-traumatic stress disorder, which afflicts his character. He also watched documentaries and spoke with war vets.

He also trained to get in the right physical shape for his fighting matches. Affleck will be seen onscreen again in the new year, when Christopher Nolan's star-packed sci-fi drama Interstellar hits theatres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Casey Affleck in a scene from Out of the Furnace. AP PHOTO/RELATIVITY MEDIA


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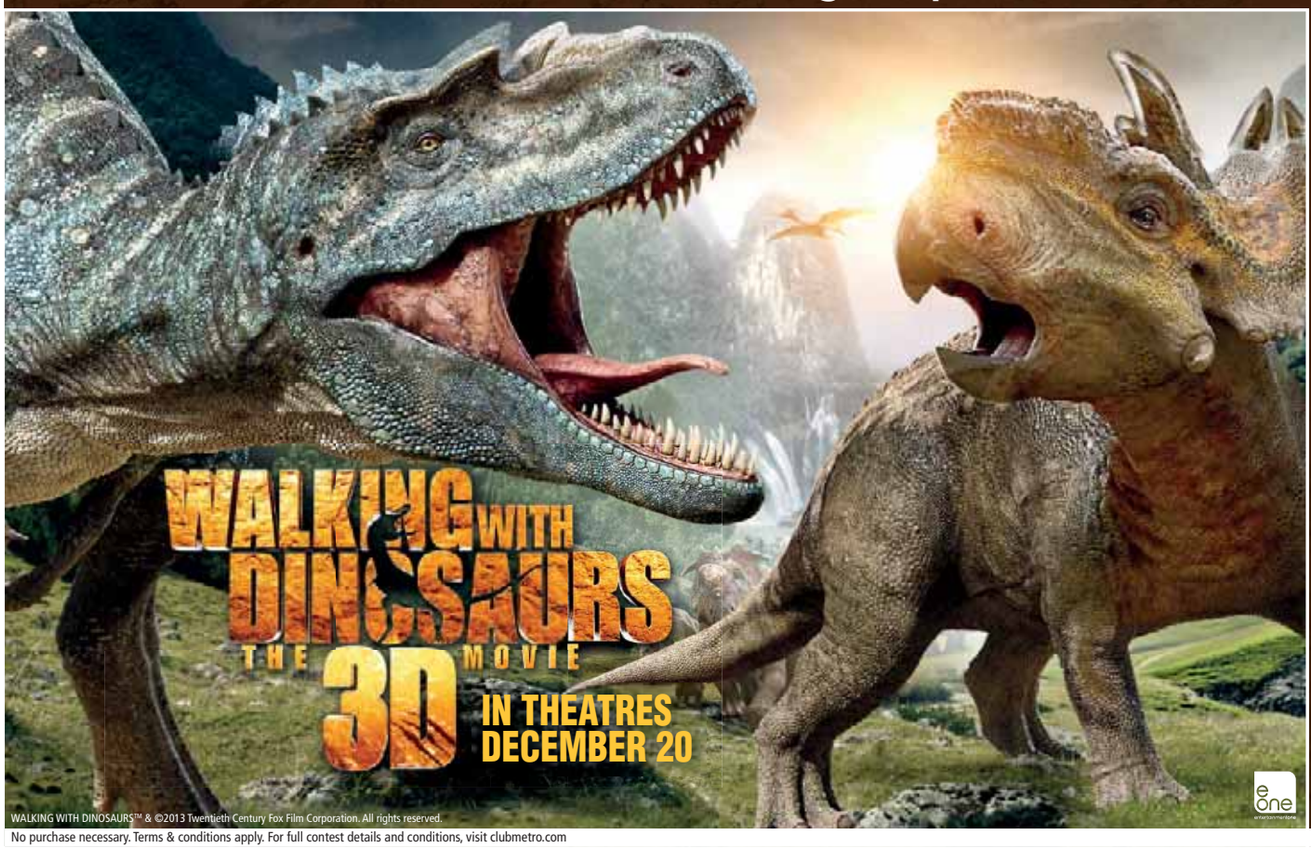
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# Walker was finding his step as a father

**Final interview.** While promoting new film Hours, actor talked candidly about his own experiences with fatherhood

**In his last film, Hours, Paul Walker plays an expectant father.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before his death, Fast & Furious star Paul Walker was drawing parallels between his real-life role as dad to 15-year-old daughter Meadow and his part as an unexpected father to a newborn baby in the upcoming Hurricane Katrina drama Hours.

"I think it definitely helps to have a daughter, but I think if you're a human being and you have love in your heart, you're going to find connective fibers in this," Walker said in a Nov. 14 interview to promote the film. "There's definitely a purity and a truth to it."

Hours stars Walker and Genesis Rodriguez as a couple who rush to a New Orleans hospital after Rodriguez's character goes into early labour. When the hurricane hits the city, Walker's character finds himself stranded in an evacuated hospital with his ailing newborn daughter.

"My baby wasn't planned," Walker said. "I wasn't married, out of wedlock, the whole bit. (I was) finding my step with it. I'm still finding my step. I think you always are. I'm five times the father that I was five years ago. Your head's more in it. Your heart's more in it. You can't force it. You want to be better at it, just something hasn't clicked yet."

Walker starred in all but one of the six Fast & Furious blockbusters. He had been on break from shooting the latest installment at the time of his death on Saturday; Universal Pictures has shut down production of Fast & Furious 7 indefinitely.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Autopsy report**

Fast & Furious star Paul Walker was killed by impact and fire in a crash that occurred while he was a passenger in a Porsche driven by his friend, according to an autopsy released Wednesday. Results of toxicology testing will take another six to eight weeks.

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# New Girl creator shares her voice with Metro

**Staying funny.** Liz Meriwether has a lot to juggle in her job — but awards don't lie, she's doing great

ALEX KHATCHADOURIAN
Metro World News in New York

Even with three seasons, five Emmy nominations and millions of viewers tuning in to New Girl every Tuesday, show producer/writer Liz Meriwether says her job hasn't gotten any easier. In fact, if anything, it's only gotten more challenging.

Besides performing the difficult and never-ending dance of keeping hundreds of people happy — co-showrunners and writers, the studio, the network — Meriwether also works tirelessly to make sure the voice of New Girl remains her own.

**Can you tell us about the episode where Coach and Cece go on a date? How did you decide to go in that direction with those characters?**

Well, this is something that obviously causes a fair amount of stress for Schmidt. We thought it was sort of interesting to have this new character come in and not really understand the back story between her and Schmidt, just swoop in and take her out on a date. But, I'm not sure if the Cece-Coach relationship is going to go forward; it might have just been this one date. I think that Cece just wants to get back out there and go out on a date with a really hot guy. I think that's what's going on in her head. It was really fun to shoot them together — they have a really great chemistry. Plus they are both just gorgeous, you know, it's fun to just watch them onscreen.

**How long will Damon Wayans Jr. be on the series?**

Damon is with us for the rest of the year, which is really exciting. We are so happy to have him back. He just fits in perfectly.

**So we know Damon is signed on till the end of the year, but more importantly, what about Ferguson [the cat]?**

Well it's funny, because in the next episode there is this date between Cece and Ferguson and it goes really well. I'm kidding, I don't know; I don't have an ending for Ferguson right now. He is the cutest thing. We all kind of fell in love with him and we actually have to hold ourselves back from writing him into so many episodes because we don't want any Ferguson fatigue. I love Winston's relationship with him. There is sort of an important plot development where Winston realizes he needs to take a step back from Ferguson because their relationship maybe has gotten a little too intense.

**Quoted**

**"We all kind of fell in love with him and we actually have to hold ourselves back from writing him into so many episodes**

Liz Meriwether on Ferguson the cat in New Girl

**Well the storyline says he goes missing.**

Yeah, he goes missing and that kind of leaves Winston to blame and makes him take a step back from Ferguson. Nick thinks that Winston has taken himself out of the game with women because he's gotten too into the cat. Nick just wants to help him.

**You guys are going to have a Super Bowl episode. Have you thought about any storylines yet?**

I'm definitely a little nervous about it because it's such as big audience, but in a good way. The story is going to be mostly about Ferguson. [laughs] Just kidding. We really want to create an episode that was group-centered and where everyone can be together. The group gets invited to a big fancy party and it's sort of all of them at this party together … and I sort of can't say more than that.

The cast of the New Girl is always up for laughs. CONTRIBUTED

**Actor to writer**

**Liz Meriwether is a great writer, but did she ever dream of being an actor?**

- "In college I did a lot of acting, and started writing in the midst of that, just because I saw writing as an extension of acting and creating stories for characters. I think my experience really informs how I write. I try to think about the actors and what their strengths are and then write to those strengths. I think our show is really funny and I think there are a lot of jokes that are dependent on the performance."

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# Childhood friends are making some sweet pop music

A boy, a girl, a band. Phantogram. CONTRIBUTED

**Phantogram.** A youth spent in upstate New York cultivated the eclectic musical tastes of Sarah Barthel and Josh Carter

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News in New York

Most people are lucky if they still keep in touch with their childhood best friend, much less still hang out with them. Sarah Barthel and Josh Carter (who have been friends since attending middle school in a tiny, bucolic upstate New York town) not only still hang — they work together, making dreamy, fuzzed out electro-pop as Phantogram.

They've channeled the easy chemistry born of their longtime friendship into their new self-titled EP, which is alternately infectious and haunting, and oftimes both. "Being friends for so long, there's some kind of magical power behind that," says Carter.

These days, their bedroom project has turned into a full band, for which they handpicked the new members.

"The drummer, Chris Carhart, was a friend of Sarah's. I was a little apprehensive, because we tried out 15 different drummers and she was like 'what about my buddy Chris?' And I said, 'I don't know, he probably sucks because he's your friend,'" Carter says. (Barthel laughs).

They were understandably apprehensive about inviting new personalities into their fold, but that quickly faded.

"It's actually awesome. When we first hired a drummer to tour with us it was kind of weird because we were used to touring and playing shows as a duo," says Carter.

"So that was a minor adjustment. But now we have four people on stage altogether and the dynamic is kick-ass."

The pair's teen influences range from Beastie Boys and Public Enemy (his) to Sisqó and 'N Sync (hers).

"I don't know how that flew under the radar with my mom. The first Beastie Boys record, my mom was like, what the heck!" Carter says.

"Beck was the first concert I went to, and I really like him a lot. I was lucky enough to have a really cool older brother, this hip guy that's into all this indie music. So I got exposed to My Bloody Valentine at a young age, and Sonic Youth, when everyone else my age only knew FM radio."

"I was always so jealous of all the cool music he was exposed to in his house and from his family," Barthel jumps in.

"His parents would listen to The Beatles and Pink Floyd and lots of jazz. My first concert was New Kids On The Block.

"And it was f—ing awesome! Donnie fell through the stage. We all thought it was supposed to happen, but I guess he didn't mean to fall through the stage. He was my favourite New Kid, so I was really upset."

Carter ribs her inaudibly and she laughs at herself. These lifelong friends must really live it up on the road, right?

"Usually we just get super pumped on Redbull and play hacky sack, dance around in our JNCOs," Carter deadpans.

[Editor's note: We're pretty sure they do not wear JNCO jeans while on tour, or ever. But if they do, that's awesome.]

**Quoted**

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Sarah Barthel on her bandmate

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# Have you seen the guy who looks like Chris Brown? Meet Kid Ink

**Can't beat him, so join him.** Relatively new-to-the-scene NY rapper has brought Brown into his projects to avoid mix-ups

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Kid Ink is a producer turned rapper — he says rapping has more perks. CONTRIBUTED

Right now in the U.S., there's a rap battle royale between the likes of A$AP Rocky and his mob, Kendrick Lamar, 2 Chainz — and the new contender Kid Ink is soon to join the ruckus. The L.A.-born Ink, like A$AP & co., has gathered a following through YouTube and independent releases such as Up & Away, selling 20,000 copies in its first week. While sales and social media (over 408,000 followers on Twitter) make a steady rise, it's his mistaken identity with R&B bad boy Chris Brown that has been of comical concern. It's an issue he's tackling by bringing his so-called doppelganger closer in his collaboration Show Me, which was released this past September. The 27-year-old Ink — real name Brian Todd Collins — is currently etching his name into the music scape through a European tour and his new album, My Own Lane, which drops on January 7.

**Seeing as this is your debut album, is it important the tracks define you and your personality?**
Yeah, man. That's the best way to put it really. The track My Own Lane is defining my own lane in the industry. It's a message to my core fans who already rock with me and for me to define Kid Ink to new listeners, so that they're not just basing their judgments off two to three records.

**What did you learn from the response to your EP Almost Home? Do you take in the fans' response?**
When I release stuff on leaked websites or free music that's when I really get the feedback. I try to make sure I release different stuff and see what people gravitate towards — the EP was definitely to test that out.

**What have you learned from your fans?**
Um honestly, the biggest thing I've learned is the fans do want to hear me by myself. Some people have that insecurity about whether they need to have a feature on a record.

**Do you have that insecurity?**
To a certain extent you need a call sign to feel like you're doing more, you're doing better. Sometimes when fans see those features they get a little bit more eager to click and you can feed off that. But my biggest thing is that I like to have features on the hooks: I write songs and write melodies that I want other people to sing.

**Why were you keen to be associated with Chris [Brown]?**
[Chuckles] Me and Chris worked when I was independent — he hopped on a remix. He was just mad cool and I think when me and Chris are together, people don't compare us as much. Working with Chris has helped me separate myself from him.

**There's been a lot of talk about who is the biggest rapper in New York out of Rocky and Kendrick Lamar. What's your opinion?**
[Laughs] Obviously A$AP Rocky is the biggest artist in New York and Kendrick Lamar is the biggest artist in hip hop.

**Are you going to take that crown?**
If I'm patient and I have some time, that's my plan, man.

**You used to be a producer but I'm guessing that there are perks to being a rapper?**
Yeah, man [laughs]. Definitely some perks. I meet people who I met as a producer and they don't even remember you.

**Art reflects life?**

In Kid Ink's song Time of Your Life, he almost gets busted by the police. So, does art reflect reality? Kid Ink laughs. "All the time, man. Nothing major has happened, man. I think the best thing to do is to act like you don't know what's going on. But I don't have to worry about those things in L.A. now I'm a celebrity quote unquote. If I get into trouble, I know how to sweet-talk officers."

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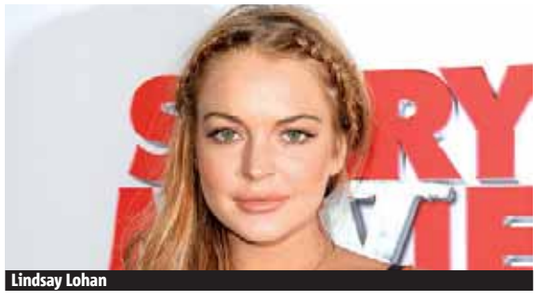

Lindsay Lohan

## Lindsay content for now to play with her boy toys

Lindsay Lohan reportedly turned heads at a New York nightclub recently when she cozied up to Michael Neeson, the 18-year-old son of actor Liam Neeson, according to Page Six. "Lindsay was seen leading him into the women's bathroom, hand in-hand," a source says. "Lindsay seems to have a thing for younger men at the moment." Lohan has also been linked in recent months to 19-year-old model Liam Dean, who apparently got to witness the whole thing. "The odd thing was that Dean was with them all night, even though Lindsay had been seeing him, too." Neeson's publicist denied the story.

**The Word**

## *Beyoncé and Jay-Z plant their feet for diet challenge*

Jay-Z and Beyoncé are officially going vegan until Christmas, the rapper announced on his Life and Times blog. "Psychologists have said it takes 21 days to make or break a habit. On the 22nd day, you've found the way," he wrote. "One day before my 44th birthday, I will embark on a 22 Days challenge to go completely vegan, or as I prefer to call it, plant-based." He also confirmed that Beyoncé "is also joining me" on his "spiritual and physical cleanse" of sorts. "I don't know what happens after Christmas," he admitted. "A semi-vegan, a full plant-based diet? Or just a spiritual and physical challenge? We'll see."

Chris Hemsworth

## There's a reason that Thor kiss was so passionate

If the lip-lock between Chris Hemsworth and Natalie Portman at the very end of Thor: The Dark World seems awfully intense, that's because it wasn't actually Portman. The Oscar-winning actress tells the New York Daily News that Hemsworth's wife, Elsa Pataky, donned a wig and filled in for Portman for the scene. "It was for re-shoots, and he was working in Hong Kong and I couldn't get there because I was working on my own film," Portman explains. "And so they put his wife in my wig and costume. That's why it was so passionate."

Tom Daley ALL IMAGES GETTY

## Daley's boyfriend isn't just anyone, you know

British Olympic diver Tom Daley announced this week that he has been dating a man for most of this year, but it turns out it isn't just any man. Daley is reportedly dating Oscar-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, according to E! News. The pair was spotted grabbing coffee together in L.A. in October. Black, who won his Academy Award for his script for Milk, is set to direct his next film, The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight, next spring in London, coincidentally.

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# Entrepreneur and a gentleman

**Paul Smith speaks.** The avuncular 67-year-old combines the eager to please affability of a local shopkeeper with the corporate know-how of a global empire proprietor

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

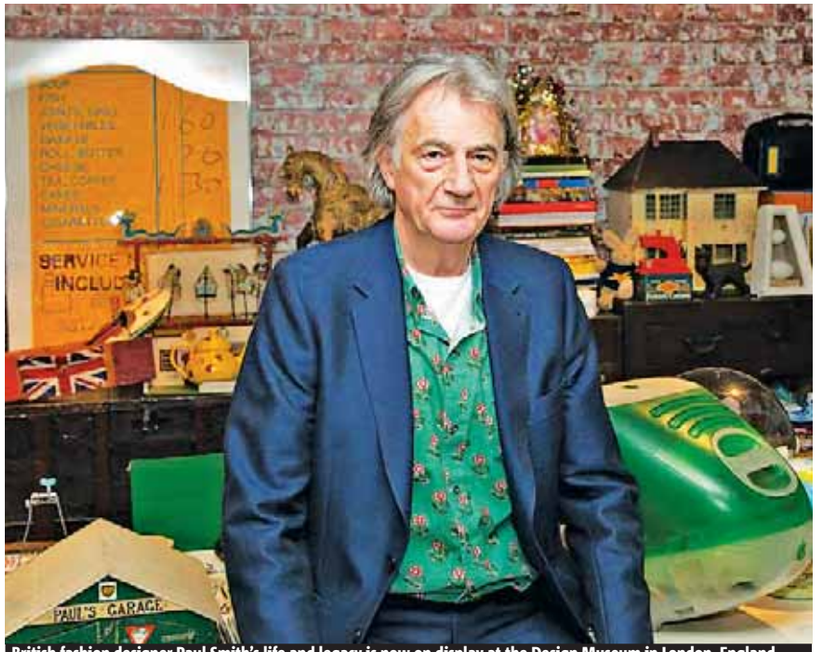
Paul Smith is flitting between an official photographer and a gaggle of student iPhone snaparazzi at a new exhibition, Hello, My Name Is Paul Smith, at the Design Museum in London.

Sir Paul — a title he almost declined — excels at being a man of the people (politicians, take heed). While I'm waiting for my interview, groupies swarm to a gracious welcome — gosh, even toddlers get a hug.

The designer eschews the pretension of high fashion for humanism, a style that's clear in the exhibition's homely curation: fine art pieces flank knick-knacks from fans. Just don't call it a retrospective: "I've got enough stuff for four or five separate exhibitions," he admits.

**When was the last time you wore something that wasn't designed by you?**
[Laughs] 18. Although, if I'm on holiday and it's suddenly cold and I haven't got a sweater, I might buy a classic cashmere or something.

**Do you feel guilty wearing other designers?**



British fashion designer Paul Smith's life and legacy is now on display at the Design Museum in London, England.
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**Closet caper**

**"I just like my stuff. I steal it from downstairs; I nick it from the shops."**
Paul Smith

No, I just like my stuff. I steal it from downstairs; I nick it from the shops.

**They're trying to find the samples...**
... And I'm the one who has got them all.

**You mentioned before that there is a level of pretentiousness and rudeness within the industry. You'd expect young people to put in the hard graft and work their way up. How do you feel about unpaid internships?**
We've never encouraged unpaid internships. We get three, four, five requests a week for work placements. The best we can do these days is say, "Why don't you come for an afternoon or day?"

**So you don't let people do weeks at a time?**
No, no.

**How do you feel about other designers doing that kind of thing?**
Well, I think there is a history of it that goes back 20 or 30 years. When people are starting out, it's supposed to be an honour to work but I'm not really sure about that.

**Did you ever want to be famous?**
No. In this environment here, you expect people to know who you are, but when I walk down the street luckily I'm not a famous face, so thank goodness for that.

**I noticed when I walked into the exhibition that your first shop was tiny. It's like a changing room.**
I know. It was meant to be a shop! There was a curtain at the top of some stairs to a tiny changing room. The point of that exhibit is to show that you can start in a way that is considered very humble and then you can grow...

**You're not keen on email and computers in general. Do you think that being immersed in technology kills the creative side?**
Personally, I'm not into it but I understand it. If you walk outside my room in Covent Garden there are four young ladies that help me: the PA and secretaries get about 600 emails a day, so I'm very IT savvy, as is the whole company. Personally I find that the use of my own eyes, my photography, my notes, works for me – but each to their own. It's about balance.

**You said before of the runway, "It's £500,000 on 14 minutes." Does it seem a bit ridiculous?**
Absolutely. Unfortunately, it's very much part of the process. A lot of the younger designers — and this is another reason for making this exhibition so down to earth — think that's what it's about: a fashion show and about twenty shops or whatever. Actually, it's only a tiny part of the process. Even if you have the best fashion show in the world but you don't make the clothes beautifully at the correct price and deliver on time and get paid, then it's all a bit of a waste of time.

**Would you prefer to do a small salon show?**
I would love to do a small salon show again. I used to: my first showroom was in a bedroom and my first show was in my friend's apartment in Paris.

Editor's Pick

## Clarins: The Essentials Eye Makeup Palette

The stylish do-gooder in your life will love this palette of 10 mineral eye shadows in beige, taupe and browns. Ninety three per cent of this product is constructed from natural materials, including the eyeshadow brush, which is made from birch wood sourced from sustainable forests and from cruelty-free natural pony hair. $45, Clarins.com METRO

# Mixing music with la mode

Alexander Wang's love of hip-hop is no secret. Over the years, the designer has had Foxy Brown, Nicki Minaj and Odd Future perform at his raging fashion show after-parties. But now he's making his own beats — well, kinda.

WWD reports that Wang has teamed up with Beats by Dre to create a limited-edition collection of gadgets.

"The limited-edition collection for Beats by Dre includes my favourite headphones and portable speaker," says Wang in the article. "For this collaboration with Beats by Dr. Dre, it felt right and a natural choice for me to give the Beats Studio headphones, Beats Pill and Urbeats earbuds a clean, minimal look with a luxe sensibility."

That meant headphones and speakers got a Wang-esque makeover in sleek matte black with gold accents — as did the price tag. According to the article the items will retail for $449 (headphones), $149 (earbuds) and $299 (speakers). But the good news for you fashion and music junkies is the products will be available during a Dec. 15 presale promotion at BeatsByDre.com. Just in time for those Christmas wish lists.

Alexander Wang
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# From the couch to the closet and back again

**Wearable decor.**
Collaborative Canadian line features home furnishings as fashion

The lines between fashion and decor have become increasingly blurred as designers of apparel and interiors draw on similar patterns, prints and colours for style inspiration.

"I think now with social media and everything being so accessible, when you launch a fashion collection on the runways, you instantly see what's going on," said Mobilia president Daniele Bergeron. "I think people are starting to dress their homes a lot more with the same personality."

A pillow constructed from recycled Norwegian fox, recycled grey sweater knit and distressed graphite leather ($399)

Mobilia is taking the fashion fusion concept a step further through a new design partnership, as the company unveils several items that can be used to dress a space — or a person.

The home furnishings retailer teamed up with Mariouche Gagne, founder of Montreal-based label Harricana, for its first collaboration with a Canadian designer.

A throw crafted from recycled Norwegian fox, recycled grey sweater knit and distressed graphite leather ($1,299)

The Harricana for Mobilia collection features items crafted from materials including recycled fur, knits and leather with a palette of brown, black, grey and neutral tones. But what distinguishes some of the interior staples showcased in the made in Canada line is their function as wearable pieces.

A tinted brown recycled racoon fur and bronze colour leather trim stool ($499)

"The throws, you can wear them as a cape but you can also put (them) on your bed....(or) on your sofa," said Bergeron.

Crafted from recycled Norwegian fox, recycled grey sweater knit and distressed graphite leather, the Natural collection within the collaborative line features removable braids or trims on each item.

"There's two long ones on the throw that you can wear as a big boa, and there's some shorter ones on the pillows and the stools that you can wear around your neck or on your head," said Gagne.

With her Harricana label, the ethically minded designer has transformed thousands of recycled furs, coats, scarves and even wedding gowns over the years into unique new apparel pieces.

A fur throw in tinted brown recycled racoon fur and bronze color leather trim ($1,499)

Bergeron said Gagne had already been giving thought to incorporating home decor into her own collection when she was approached by Mobilia about the collaborative opportunity.

Harricana partnered with skiwear company Rossignol on creating fur and wool braids which accented parkas — similar to the detachable accents now incorporated in the home decor line, Bergeron noted.

Early on, Gagne realized that creating decor items was more labour-intensive than she'd anticipated.

"The first throw took three days to build, from finding the material to cleaning the material to cutting the material to matching it," she recalled. "I think in total, we recycled something like 500 sweaters for the collaboration because not all of them were matching well enough with the other ones." Crafting the long braids of fur and wool took roughly three hours each, she added.

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A pillow crafted from recycled black fox paws, patent leather croco and recycled black suede ($249)

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# Canadian street style

**Spotted in: Vancouver**

**Name: Sophie**

**Age: 41**

**Occupation: TV production manager**

**What she's wearing**
Jacket from Zara, denim vest from H&M, sweater from Gap, bag from Red Flag Design (local), scarf is gifted, jeans from Topshop, sunglasses from Arc Clothing, boots from Gravity Pope.

**Her inspiration**
"My style is casual and on-the-go. I like versatility in my outfit — something I can wear to the office and go on a night out after."

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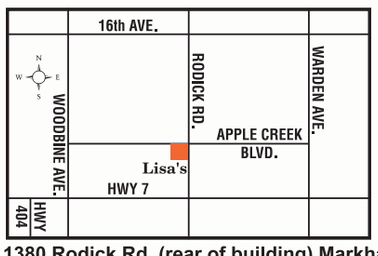


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# It's an honour. An encore win for Canada's Erdem at British Fashion Awards

London-based Canadian label Erdem is a winner once again at the British Fashion Awards.

Montreal-born designer Erdem Moralioglu won the Red Carpet Award on Monday, which recognizes a British designer who is creating global awareness of their designs in the media.

He was nominated alongside Victoria Beckham and Antonio Berardi in the category.

This is the second consecutive victory for Moralioglu, who won the New Establishment Award at last year's awards ceremony, an honour that recognized a particular movement in British fashion that is taking the industry by storm.

The Canadian-born designer moved to London to attend the Royal College of Art.

He moved to New York after graduation to work in the design studios of fashion icon Diane von Furstenberg before relocating to the U.K. to launch his eponymous label in 2005, known for its modern, feminine designs and vibrant, custom-designed prints.

Erdem Moralioglu
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# Crab and Ricotta Mousse: 'Tis the season for creative appetizers

This recipe serves eight to 10 people. DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA

Looking for a classy appetizer idea to whet your guests' palates? Try this Crab and Ricotta Mousse, which is equally delicious with shrimp instead of crab.

The mousse can also be moulded in a terrine and served sliced.

**1.** Pour lime juice into a small bowl and sprinkle with gelatin. Let stand 5 minutes to soften, then add 2 tbsp (30 ml) boiling water to dissolve gelatin.

**2.** Place celery, parsley, cilantro, green onion and lime zest in a food processor. Process until finely chopped.

**3.** Add half the crabmeat, the paprika and Ricotta. Process until well combined, add gelatin and season with salt and pepper.

**4.** To mould the mousse, use a muffin pan or individual moulds (ramekins). Line inside of moulds with plastic wrap or parchment paper to make unmoulding easier.

**5.** Pour mousse into moulds. Cover loosely and refrigerate until set, about 2 hours.

**6.** To unmould muffin pan, invert over a baking sheet, remove plastic wrap and place on plates. To unmould ramekins, invert each over plates and remove plastic wrap.

**7.** Garnish with remaining crab, panko bread crumbs and cilantro. DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA (ALLYOUNEEDISCHEESE.CA/GRANDPRIX)

**Ingredients**

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) lime juice
- 1 envelope unflavoured gelatin
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) boiling water
- 2 stalks of celery, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) fresh parsley leaves
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 green onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 tsp (5 ml) lime zest
- 8 oz (225 g) crabmeat, drained, divided
- 1/4–1/2 tsp (1–2 ml) smoked paprika, mild or spicy
- 10 oz (300 g) Quality Cheese Ricotta
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) panko bread crumbs
- Cilantro

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## Getting the most out of your home fragrances

• Layer the scent of fresh-cut trees by using a variety of brands and applications. That will create a realistic fragrance throughout the house.
• Dab fragrance oils in discreet places, such as on felt tree ornaments, inside a bathroom tissue roll or on cotton swabs stored in closets.
• Place a diffuser near an air-intake vent so as to distribute the scent throughout the entire house.

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## Best fragrance oil

Oils can be dabbed anywhere around the house for a subtle scent. Crabtree & Evelyn Home Fragrance Oil, Windsor Forest scent, $9, crabtree-evelyn.ca.

## Best candle

The royal family of scented candles, infused with rich oils. Diptyque candle in glass, Pine Bark scent, $75, Holt Renfrew.

## Best wax melts

Safer than a candle but with all of the warm-wax smell. Glade Wax Melts Warmer; $12, Sparkling Spruce scented Wax Melts, $3, glade.com.

## Best air spray

Keep a can near the front door and spritz just before guests arrive. Thymes Home Fragrance Mist, Frasier Fir scent, $18, thymes.com.

## Best reeded diffuser

Place diffusers in open areas like foyers or the corner of the living room. Fruits & Passion Decorative Diffuser Set, Boreal Fir scent, $28.50, fruits-passion.ca.

# Breathing new life into Alexandra Park

An exterior view of SQ at Alexandra Park. CONTRIBUTED

## Meet the condo

- **What.** SQ at Alexandra Park
- **Location.** Queen Street West and Spadina
- **Builder.** Tridel
- **Architect.** Teeple Architects
- **Sizes.** From 521 to 1,331 square feet
- **Pricing.** From $308,000
- **Building.** 14 storeys with 241 suites
- **Suites.** One bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom, two bedroom plus den, three bedroom
- **Status.** Pre-construction
- **Website.** tridel.com

## The project overview

Tridel's new downtown mid-rise is adjacent to new public parks and private amenity spaces. The revitalization of the Alexandra Park neighbourhood brings a renewed vitality and architecturally significant modernism to a very central and convenient location in the city.

## Location and transit

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## In the neighbourhood

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## Building amenities

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Planning

# *Parkland dedication fees due for an overhaul*

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Earlier this year, the provincial government launched a series of public consultations to review the planning system in Ontario. One of the most important elements will be parkland dedication for new developments.

Under the current rules, new developments must provide up to five per cent of the land for parks at the time of development or up to one hectare per 300 homes. If the development does not have a park site, a cash-in-lieu payment is made for the value of the land, which finds its way to the final purchase price paid by new-home buyers.

The Planning Act's parkland dedication provisions are in dire need of an update, with the last revision dating back to 1981. As you can imagine, the GTA was a different place 40 years ago and today requires new, updated policies to ensure that our industry can build quality, complete communities for up to 100,000 people that choose the GTA as their home each and every year.

While the quality of construction is among the best in the world, government fees and charges like outdated parkland dedication fees threaten provincially planned urban intensification and the construction of homes people can afford.

In many municipalities, parkland dedication fees have increased exponentially. In Richmond Hill, for example, the parkland fee requirement can often exceed the value of the entire parcel used for development. This acts as an impediment to building in centres and transit corridors.

It is also unfair to new-home buyers who end up paying these fees as part of the final price of a home, like a tax. That home is then subject to 13 per cent HST, which means new-home buyers are essentially paying a tax on tax.

So if the parkland fee is $10,000 per unit higher, and it all gets rolled into the price, then the price including HST will total another $1,300 out of the buyer's pocket.

BILD and the Ontario Home Builders' Association are currently in discussions with the province to update parkland dedication provisions. We have suggested capping fees at five to 10 per cent of the value of the development site or the site's land area, as done in the city of Toronto. This will help our industry implement the intensification targets set out by the province of Ontario while saving homebuyers money on their new homes.

# What's hot on the condo market

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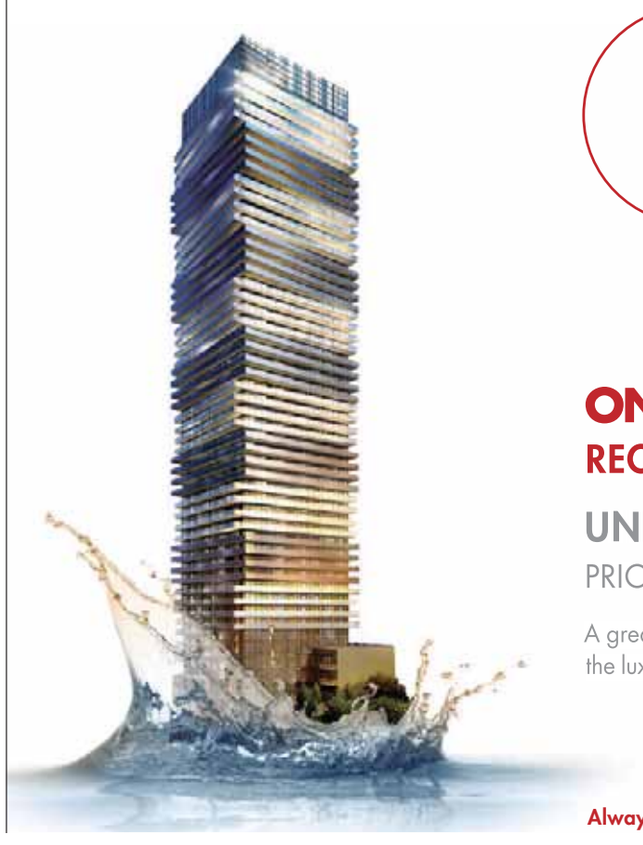

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# Plants, pedis and pets: In-condo services cater to a variety of needs

**Time savers.** As more condos sprout up, so do more businesses that tailor offerings to residents' needs

CONDO TRENDS
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Savvy entrepreneurs are devising a variety of new in-home services for busy condo residents. From indoor gardening to personal assistants, dog walkers and home manicures, chances are there's a service available that will save you time.

Chris Wong is the co-founder of Young Urban Farmers, providing a unique range of interesting products and services for both indoor and balcony condo gardens.

"For our garden set up, we typically meet with the individuals to have a discussion about what they like to eat, what they've tried to grow in the past, how much space they have, how much time they have to spend and of course what kind of budget they're looking for.

"Depending on those factors, we can tailor a variety of different products and services to their needs."

Wong describes their cool new Urban Cultivator, an appliance about the size of a condo dishwasher that allows you to grow micro greens indoors all year-round. "There's an automated system that controls the water and the lighting system. All you really need to do is re-seed your trays whenever you're ready for them," he says.

**Green thumbs on call**

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**Chris Wong, co-founder of Young Urban Farmers**

Angela Biondi worked for a major spa before starting her own in-home manicure and pedicure service eight years ago. Her business, European Touch, caters to many condo residents.

"Instead of people going to the spa, the spa is going to their home. Considering that everybody is very busy, it's cutting on traveling times for people, especially for the ladies if they want to have their nail polish dried out nicely and to relax in their own homes," she says.

LVCleanCo is a recent startup, providing condo cleaning services to the Liberty Village neighbourhood. With 10 condo towers, the business was a no-brainer for proprietor Marie-Noelle Durand.

"We ourselves are residents of Liberty Village and it's such a booming neighbourhood that it just kind of made sense to cater to our neighbours, to our community. It's a very young neighbourhood with a lot of very busy professionals. We live there so we have the pulse of what people need and want," she says. "Everything is online, it's very fast, it's very secure, it's very safe."

The Urban Cultivator, supplied by Young Urban Farmers, is an appliance about the size of a condo dishwasher that lets you grow micro greens indoors all year round. CONTRIBUTED

There are advantages to just focusing on the Liberty Village community, says Durand. The cleaners get to know the layout of your unit and can do several suites in the same building. People have found them online, through flyers and through word-of-mouth.

**Legal Matters**

## *What's in a name change?*

LEGAL MATTERS
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**I bought a house four years ago after separating from my husband. The house is in my name and my ex-husband has no claim to it. I'm now changing my name back to my maiden name on various documents, and I understand that if I want my maiden name on the title, I have to hire a lawyer and pay fees to the government. I plan to sell the house in the next year, so I'll have to get a lawyer then anyway to help me with the transfer. Can I wait until then to change my name?**

Your circumstances are quite common, though increasingly less so as many women no longer take their husband's surname. The reality is there are really very few implications to keeping your former name on the title of your house. If you felt you didn't want to be associated with your ex-husband by name, then perhaps I'd suggest you consider changing the name sooner rather than later (it isn't something you should never fix). However, when you sell the property you can simply declare you're one and the same person and sign the transfer documents with your married name for the last time. Thereafter, you'll be free of his name.

Follow Jeff Cowan on Twitter @Cowan_Law or on cowanlaw.ca

**Etiquette**

## *The cardinal rules of re-gifting*

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To re-gift, or not to re-gift? We all know that there's been a long-standing debate on the topic — and that at best, it leaves everyone agreeing to disagree. So let's put an end to the debate once and for all.

I'm here to tell you that, yes, re-gifting is acceptable. You read that correctly: Charles the Butler says it's alright to re-gift. Having said that, there's a rule or two involved that we need to understand, so let's go over them.

- Re-gifting is only acceptable if you have never used the item. This means that, if it is a puzzle, you cannot have tried putting it together; if it is a sweater, you cannot have worn it a few times; if it's a DVD, you cannot have watched it; if it's a computer game, you cannot have tried it out for a couple of weeks. The item must be completely unused and in its original package.
- You must give the item to a person who you think will really like it. Giving something you don't want just to get it out of your house means it's is not a sincere gift. You must believe in your heart that the person will honestly enjoy receiving the item in question as a present.

When you give the gift, ensure you make an effort to wrap it properly, and don't announce to the room that it's a re-gift, because that will surely make the other person uncomfortable. Finally, if you're uncomfortable re-gifting despite all of the above, then don't — donate the item in its original packaging to a charity or worthy cause. Someone will be happy to find it.

No really — you shouldn't have. While re-gifting is an acceptable practice, says Charles, there are a few rules you need to observe. Otherwise, things can go awry. ISTOCK

# Holiday cocktail party stars

Say you don't like your holiday decor all twee and buttoned up. Typical Christmas themes — country charm, Scandinavian-influenced restraint, Victorian opulence, clean-lined urban chic — all feel a bit unimaginative after a while. You'd prefer something unexpected, a bit of visual wit. Something that will truly delight, in the way that any self-respecting festival of lights should. So we went in search of seasonal lighting that doubles as conversation pieces. Here's what we found.

## Cast a light

It's a perfect time of year to decorate with shadow lanterns, which cast dancing light patterns about the room. Large Punched Tin Shadow Lanterns, $16.75 US each, lunabazaar.com.

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## Crystal palace

A grouping of these lanterns would look like a constellation of giant snowflakes. Pizzelle paper lanterns, $42-$55 US, and white battery-powered triple LED light, $4.95 US each, all lunabazaar.com.

## Mantelpiece magic

Part of the brilliance of thin wire light strings such as these is that they're easy to bend and form into shapes. Starry String Lights in Diamond with silver wire finish or Amber with copper wire finish, $15-$99; and French Glass Cloches, $69-99; all restorationhardware.com.

## Origami elegance

Sure, novelty light strings are a dime a dozen, but these ivory paper ones from Serena and Lily have an origami-like presence and an elongated shape that elevate them into something memorable. Paper String Lights in Jewel, $58 US, serenaandlily.com.

## Mirror, mirror

Does anything say eclectic modern holiday like a disco-ball gnome? This creature from CB2 is so popular he's back-ordered until early December, but well, some things are worth waiting for. If it's a conversation piece you're after, look no further. Disco gnome, $149, cb2.com.

## Cheeky charm

Who would have thought that simple mirrored ornaments could have so much personality? We can't help smiling at these. Retro Mirror Star and Asterisk Holiday Ornaments, set of four, $18 at studioliscious.etsy.com.

## Shadow boxing

Anthropologie sister site Terrain doesn't ship to Canada, which leaves you with two options. One, if you have any U.S. relatives asking for your wish list, send them a link to shopterrain.com and let them figure out the rest. Two, if you're DIY-minded, take inspiration from their Gilded Shadow Box. Source a frame from a craft-supply store, then find bits and bobs to create a magical vignette.

## Gem of a find

If you gave a product designer a brief that said, "quirky and glowing," this could very well be the result — and that's before you add the deer antlers. Hearts, stars and various gem-like shapes adorn these indoor light strings. Strala light chain, 16 bulbs, $16.99, Ikea.

By keeping a few basics in mind, hosts can help to ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone, including designated drivers. LLASZLO/SHUTTERSTOCK

# Show appreciation to designated drivers

For those who love to entertain, the holidays are a much anticipated opportunity to be the gracious host of a great party. Inviting friends and family to a festive night out is a form of giving and a way to show we care.

But the tone can turn sour if the host suddenly has to play "the heavy" when a guest has had too much to drink, especially if that guest is planning to drive.

What does a caring host to do? One solution is to fill your guest list with designated drivers.

As it is with many circumstances, prevention is the best remedy. Hosts who want to relax and worry less about consequences at their party can encourage guests ahead of time to volunteer as a designated driver.

By keeping a few basics in mind, hosts can help to ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone, including the designated drivers, as follows:

- Advance planning is key — ask guests to volunteer well before the party.
- Let everyone know you will serve alcohol-free drinks.
- Ask those who plan to drink to leave their vehicles at home.
- Remind volunteers that a designated driver abstains from alcohol.
- Keep the inconvenience to designated drivers to a minimum by matching them with passengers who live close to their home. Tell them you will ask someone else to take a turn driving next time.
- Personally thank designated drivers for helping to keep our roads safe.

Taking the time to show appreciation to those who volunteer is especially important. A recent research report by Ipsos Reid, commissioned by Budweiser (called Designated Driving: A New Generation Comes Of Age) underscores the fact that recognition of designated drivers is key to encouraging more people to take on the role. Among those surveyed — adults of legal drinking age to 34 years old — the majority agreed that designated drivers don't get enough credit, and 85 per cent agreed that if designated drivers received more credit for what they do, more people would volunteer to be one. NEWS CANADA

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# Plan to get home safe

**Message.** By following some sobering safety tips everyone can enjoy a responsible holiday season

If you plan on consuming alcohol at an event or party, don't take your vehicle. Instead, consider using public transit. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

It doesn't seem to matter how often we talk about the dangers of drinking and driving. Someone, somewhere, isn't listening.

According to statistics provided by the Ontario Provincial Police, impaired driving is the leading criminal cause of death in Canada. And, sadly, arrests for impaired driving hit a year-long peak during the final weeks of the year.

For those who haven't noticed, the penalties for drinking and driving are considerably tougher, thanks to groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Even for first-time offenders, defending a drunk driving arrest is expensive.

"Everyone recognizes that the holiday season is a great time to reconnect with family and friends and celebrate with a few drinks," said Mauro Convertini, an insurance expert at Aviva Canada. "It's important, though, to have a plan in place to get yourself and your loved ones home safely."

Convertini offers some tips to ensure a safe and happy holiday season:

• Plan ahead: If you are likely to consume alcohol at an event or party, don't take your vehicle.

• Use a designated driver. Remember, the "least impaired" person in the room is not a designated driver.

• Use public transit: If this is not an option, make arrangements to spend the night if you are visiting a friend.

• Use a taxi or limousine service: There are more than 35,000 operating in Canada.

By following these sobering safety tips, everyone contributes to a responsible holiday season and a safer year ahead.

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## Hosts. Ensuring safety of your guests

A lot of preparation goes into a memorable holiday party. It starts slowly with sending out invitations and dusting off the decorations days or weeks ahead of time, then gains speed from grocery shopping all the way through to placing the final sprig of parsley on the canapés.

Know that being a host comes with responsibilities to your guests. ALAN BAILEY/SHUTTERSTOCK

After all the hustle and bustle, it's tempting to think the prep is over when the first guest arrives at the door, but seasoned hosts know the doorbell signals that the next round of planning is just beginning.

"Every successful party needs a happy ending," said Charlie Angelakos, the vice-president of corporate affairs at Labatt Breweries of Canada. "Hosts need to play a role to ensure the safety of their guests and communities, and that means preventing their guests from drinking and driving."

Here are a few tips to help hosts with the in-party planning:

• Offer alcohol-free drinks. Remind volunteers that a designated driver abstains from alcohol.

• Recognize the signs of intoxication in your guests such as fast/slow/loud/slurred speech, the physical clumsiness or lack of alertness, tiredness, red eyes or heavy eyelids.

• Explore the options. Assign a sober companion to get the guest home safely. Call a friend or relative to pick up the guest, or provide them with money for a taxi.

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# MAKING THE CITY'S SPIRITS BRIGHT

The decorative lights are up around the city and that can only mean one thing — the holidays are here and the countdown to 2014 is on. 'Tis the season to gather with family and friends, and it's also a good time to spread a little cheer to those less fortunate.

At Toronto Hydro, we maintain the spirit of giving back all year round. Our employees are out working in communities across Toronto every day, and they see the hardships with which many people are struggling. We know that the need for our support is real and it's growing.

We encourage our employees to volunteer in their communities and support the many health awareness programs that take place throughout the year.

One program that we are very proud of is Brighter Nights™, where Toronto Hydro works with the City of Toronto, police, housing and social agencies to improve outside lighting in communities, which helps increase public safety and reduce crime.

Toronto Hydro is also a long-standing supporter of United Way Toronto. As public sector cabinet chair, I can tell you that this charity addresses the root causes of social issues to truly make a difference. Toronto Hydro's 2013 United Way Campaign just closed and I'm proud to say that employees and our suppliers raised approximately $400,000 — that's the most we've ever donated in a single campaign year. This is in addition to more than $1 million we've contributed through programs like Low Income Energy Assistance.

But being a good corporate citizen is also about good utility management. We recognize we have a role to play in building a cleaner and brighter city. We set out to achieve this by providing safe and reliable service in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible way.

Offering customer conservation programs to help manage your hydro bills, protecting and enhancing the city's urban tree canopy, and doing our part to reduce our environmental footprint are all in a day's work. We take part in Pollution Probe's Clean Air Commute and are a proud sponsor of Fatal Light Awareness Program Canada to help reduce bird collisions caused by nighttime lighting. And we support many other important causes, too.

Of course, the driving force behind all of these initiatives is Toronto Hydro's people, who've been proudly serving our many communities for more than a century.

Happy holidays!

**Anthony Haines**
**Toronto Hydro Corporation president and chief executive officer**

## CHEERS TO THE COMMUNITY

Giving back to the community has always been an important corporate value and Toronto Hydro is proud of the generosity of its workforce. In 2012, employees raised more than $380,000 for charities like Movember Canada and United Way Toronto. Toronto Hydro employees continue to donate and volunteer their time to activities that better our city and the environment.

Have a look at what Toronto Hydro achieved in 2013 (results are unaudited):

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- Trees planted since 2004: 3,055

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- Fundraising: $17,708 (Target: $10,000)

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- Amount raised since 2005: $65,315

### EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION

- Community and charitable program participation: 950 individuals (Target: 900)
- Total employees: 1,540

### UNITED WAY TORONTO

- Fundraising: $400,000 (Target: $330,000)
- Amount raised since 2005: $2,128,841

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## BRIGHTER NIGHTS, SAFER STREETS

Toronto Hydro co-hosted seven Brighter Nights™ community events this year to help increase safety and energy efficiency in neighbourhoods across Toronto. The program is a joint effort with the City of Toronto's Community Crisis Response Program, Toronto Community Housing, Toronto Police Services and local volunteers.

Armed with energy-efficient light bulbs, volunteers and agency representatives replaced old incandescent bulbs. Residents were informed about the safety benefits of leaving their outside lights on throughout the night. According to Natural Resources Canada, compact fluorescent light bulbs use about 75 per cent less electricity than standard bulbs.

The program also included the repair and replacement of broken street lamps, the installation of new lighting fixtures and tree trimming around street lights to brighten dark corners, which can be vulnerable to criminal activity.

In 2013, Toronto Hydro and more than 150 volunteers replaced approximately 1,000 energy guzzling incandescent bulbs.

For more information, please visit torontohydro.com/brighternights.



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NFL

## Ford to join 'Sports Junkie' to pick 'em

Mayor Rob Ford has agreed to appear on a Washington-based radio show "The Sports Junkies," on WJFK-FM to make NFL picks. Ford was scheduled to appear Thursday at 8:40 a.m.

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Keon Clark

## Former Raptor gets 8 years in prison

Former Toronto Raptor Keon Clark was sentenced to eight years in prison Wednesday in a plea agreement with prosecutors on weapons and driving under the influence charges.

Clark pleaded guilty to two charges in two separate cases and was given four years for each count. He previously faced weapon, drug and traffic-related charges.

Keon Clark leaves the courthouse in Danville, Ill., on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CFL

## Bombers poach O'Shea from Argos

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are taking that first letter in CFL very seriously, naming Canadian Mike O'Shea as their new head coach on Wednesday. He was the special teams coordinator with the Argos.

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Trouble in Toronto

**"It has been a challenged market there."**

**Russ Brandon, president of the Buffalo Bills,** on the team's series of games played in Toronto. Brandon stopped short of saying the team would consider or be allowed to opt out of the four remaining years of the Bills in Toronto deal, which they renewed in January with Rogers.

# Kessel storms off stage in Act I

**NHL.** As HBO hits 'record,' drama already unfolding in Leafland

Phil Kessel, seen here shooting against the New York Islanders last month, left Wednesday's practice with what's believed to be a wrist injury. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Phil Kessel spoke with his coach, stormed off the ice before practice was over and didn't speak with the media, leaving Leaf Nation to fear the worst.

The HBO cameras — on the first day of filming 24/7: Road to the Winter Classic — raced after him.

They would appear to have their first piece of drama.

Believed to be nursing a sore right wrist, Kessel's status is unknown for Thursday night's game against the Dallas Stars as the Maple Leafs' injury woes continue to mount amidst a five-game slide.

"He just told me he needed to leave the ice surface," said Carlyle. "When a player tells you he needs to go, he goes. Much like going to the bathroom.

"He said he'd had enough of practice and he said he didn't feel good in one area of his body so we let him go. He had a little tweak."

Carlyle was asked if he thought Kessel could play through the injury.

"I don't know. I haven't got an answer for that," said Carlyle.

Kessel appeared upset as he left the ice surface and did not stop for autograph seekers, which is unusual for him.

His teammates, by the way, think he will be the breakout star of this 24/7.

"Phil has a real different side to him behind those doors and in front of you guys, and I hope that that show can really show what kind of a guy he is because he's a great guy to hang out with," said captain Dion Phaneuf. "He laughs, smiles but when he gets in front of you guys (media) he doesn't give you too much."

Cameras will be inside the Leafs' locker-room whenever they need to be and will be in the condo home of Kessel and his best friend, Tyler Bozak who is out with a groin injury and did not practise Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**5-game skid by the numbers**

- **Shots on goal.** The Leafs have been outshot in every game: Columbus (22-18), Pittsburgh (48-24), Buffalo (29-24), Montreal (39-36) and San Jose (41-30) all outshot the Leafs.
- **Goals.** Toronto has scored only 11 goals in the five games, while giving up 22.
- **Defence.** No goals have come from the defence in the past five games. In fact, the Leafs defence has only three goals all season, from Dion Phaneuf (two) Paul Ranger (one).
- **Power play.** The Leafs have had 12 power-play opportunities in the five games but have scored only three times for a 25 per cent success rate. It's below their overall 34.2 per cent success rate, which is No. 2 in the league.

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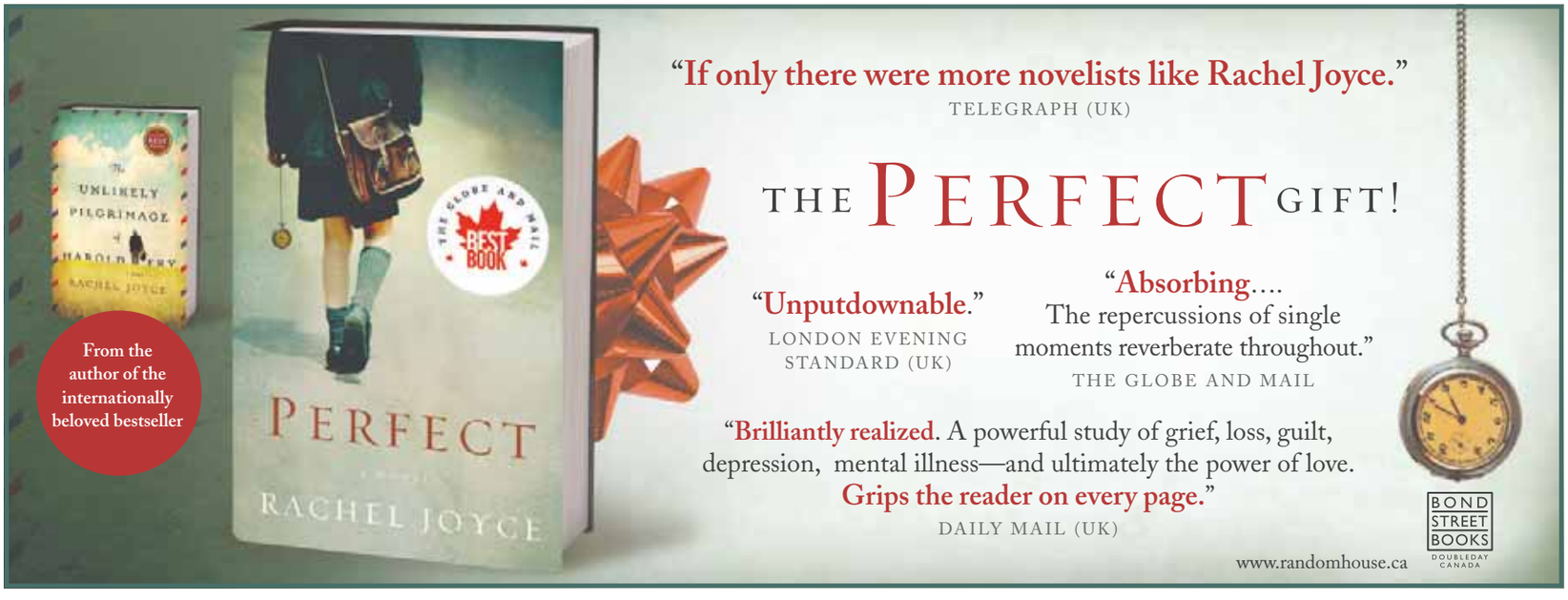
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# Who's interested in a spare goalie?

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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The longer the Maple Leafs struggle, the more it becomes clear: they've got to sacrifice their depth in goal in a trade to improve their blue-line.

This isn't to say Leafs GM Dave Nonis erred in his off-season moves. Toronto wanted an upgrade on the tandem of James Reimer and Ben Scrivens — and former Kings goalie Jonathan Bernier was a smart bet in that regard.

But with Toronto having posted a 4-6-3 record in November, the early season solid start has evaporated and led to desperate times. You know what desperate times calls for, right? Although it's never a smart idea to trade from a place of desperation, the trick for Nonis and company will be to find another team desperate for goaltending.

Jonathan Bernier GETTY IMAGES FILE

That team could be the Columbus Blue Jackets, who just found out their No. 1 netminder, Sergei Bobrovsky, will be out for at least the next month with a groin injury. Or it could be the New York Islanders — that is, if that team's brain trust finally has awoken to reality and will be open to a deal. Or maybe that team is the Anaheim Ducks, who have been linked to a deal for Sabres goalie Ryan Miller despite already employing Jonas Hiller and Viktor Fasth.

At this stage, it doesn't matter which Leafs' goalie is traded. Reimer and Bernier have similar individual statistics and are both 25 years old. And if Bernier will get them a bigger bounty in a deal, that should be the deciding factor.

Otherwise, who are the Leafs going to trade? Do you think other GMs are filling up Nonis' voice mail to outbid one another for the services of Paul Ranger? Do you suppose Toronto could breathe a massive sigh of relief with the talent they'd receive in a swap that sent Nikolai Kulemin out of town?

C'mon now. You, the reader, I, the writer, and Nonis, the GM, all know any trade of a Leafs forward or defenceman will be inconsequential if it involves low-end talent or create another hole if it involves high-end talent.

That leaves a goalie trade. Reimer or Bernier. It doesn't have to be one in particular who goes. But for the good of the team, one of the two must go.

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# Team-bonding event pulls Raps out of the gutter

**Pin pals.** Break taken from normal grind to go bowling hot on the heels of collapse

The mental strain of the last week has been heavy on the Raptors, losses mount and frustration grows and the future holds little in the way of obvious promise.

So ... bowling.

With an extra day off before they play again to let the bitter memories of the greatest single-game collapse in franchise history grow, it was time for one of those "mental breaks" so many sports teams use so often.

So ... bowling.

Whether it works or not will never be known — it's one of those psychological moves teams make every now and then — but getting away from basketball for a day felt like a good idea to the coaching staff.

The Raptors' DeMar DeRozan goes up against the Warriors' Draymond Green on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

And with a Thursday practice and Friday morning shootaround, the thought was there's enough preparation time before facing the Suns in Phoenix Friday that an afternoon away from the game to bond would be more beneficial.

It is not surprising that the team would try to forget Tuesday's 112-103 loss in California against the Warriors given the way the defeat went down.

After playing as well as they have in any game this year for more than a half, the Raptors spat up a 27-point lead in the final 21 minutes and surrendered an astonishing 42-point fourth quarter. It was the biggest lead blown in any Raptors (6-11) game ever.

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## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 27 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 75 | 55 | 38 |
| Montreal | 29 | 17 | 9 | 3 | 80 | 62 | 37 |
| Detroit | 28 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 78 | 73 | 35 |
| Tampa Bay | 27 | 16 | 10 | 1 | 76 | 67 | 33 |
| Toronto | 28 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 77 | 77 | 31 |
| Ottawa | 28 | 11 | 13 | 4 | 82 | 92 | 26 |
| Florida | 28 | 7 | 16 | 5 | 61 | 95 | 19 |
| Buffalo | 28 | 6 | 20 | 2 | 48 | 85 | 14 |

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 29 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 89 | 66 | 39 |
| Washington | 28 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 83 | 82 | 30 |
| NY Rangers | 28 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 62 | 71 | 28 |
| New Jersey | 29 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 64 | 71 | 28 |
| Carolina | 28 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 61 | 79 | 27 |
| Philadelphia | 27 | 12 | 13 | 2 | 57 | 65 | 26 |
| Columbus | 28 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 68 | 80 | 25 |
| NY Islanders | 28 | 8 | 15 | 5 | 74 | 96 | 21 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 29 | 20 | 5 | 4 | 105 | 80 | 44 |
| St. Louis | 26 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 91 | 60 | 39 |
| Colorado | 25 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 76 | 52 | 38 |
| Minnesota | 29 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 70 | 67 | 37 |
| Dallas | 26 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 74 | 76 | 30 |
| Winnipeg | 29 | 13 | 12 | 4 | 78 | 82 | 30 |
| Nashville | 28 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 63 | 78 | 29 |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Jose | 27 | 19 | 3 | 5 | 96 | 62 | 43 |
| Anaheim | 30 | 18 | 7 | 5 | 93 | 80 | 41 |
| Los Angeles | 29 | 18 | 7 | 4 | 76 | 62 | 40 |
| Phoenix | 27 | 16 | 7 | 4 | 91 | 86 | 36 |
| Vancouver | 30 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 80 | 78 | 35 |
| Calgary | 26 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 70 | 93 | 22 |
| Edmonton | 29 | 9 | 18 | 2 | 75 | 101 | 20 |

**Note:** 2 points for a win, 1 point for overtime loss.

**Wednesday's results**
Montreal 4 New Jersey 3 (SO)
Philadelphia at Detroit
Phoenix at Calgary
**Tuesday's results**
San Jose 4 Toronto 2
Phoenix 6 Edmonton 2
Vancouver 3 Nashville 1
Ottawa 4 Florida 2
Carolina 4 Washington 1
Columbus 1 Tampa Bay 0
Pittsburgh 3 NY Islanders 2 (OT)
Dallas 4 Chicago 3
Los Angeles 3 Anaheim 2 (SO)
**Thursday's games**
**All times Eastern**
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Nashville, 8 p.m.
NY Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
**Friday's games**
San Jose at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

### SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crosby, Pgh | 15 | 23 | 38 |
| Malkin, Pgh | 7 | 30 | 37 |
| Kane, Chi | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| Getzlaf, Ana | 14 | 18 | 32 |
| Tavares, NYI | 11 | 21 | 32 |
| Steen, StL | 20 | 11 | 31 |
| Perry, Ana | 16 | 15 | 31 |
| Ovechkin, Wash | 21 | 9 | 30 |
| Zetterberg, Det | 11 | 19 | 30 |
| Thornton, SJ | 5 | 25 | 30 |
| Kunitz, Pgh | 14 | 14 | 28 |
| Couture, SJ | 10 | 18 | 28 |
| H. Sedin, Van | 7 | 21 | 28 |
| Karlsson, Ott | 7 | 20 | 27 |
| Ryan, Ott | 14 | 12 | 26 |

**Wednesday's games not included**

## MLS PLAYOFFS

### MLS CUP

**Saturday's game**
Kansas City vs. Salt Lake, 4 p.m., EST

## NFL

**Thursday's game — All times Eastern**
Houston at Jacksonville, 8:25 p.m.
**Sunday's games**
Kansas City at Washington, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Miami at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
**Monday's game**
Dallas at Chicago, 8:40 p.m.

## NBA

**Wednesday's results**
Atlanta 107 L.A. Clippers 97
Cleveland 98 Denver 88
Phoenix 97 Houston 88
Dallas 100 New Orleans 97
Detroit 105 Milwaukee 98
San Antonio vs. Minnesota, ppd.
Indiana at Utah
Oklahoma City at Portland
**Tuesday's results**
Philadelphia 126 Orlando 125 (2OT)
Denver 111 Brooklyn 87
Boston 108 Milwaukee 100
Detroit 107 Miami 97
Memphis 110 Phoenix 91
Dallas 89 Charlotte 82
Oklahoma City 97 Sacramento 95
Golden State 112 Toronto 103
**Thursday's games — All times Eastern**
New York at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
**Friday's games**
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
A friend you have not seen for a while will come back into your life today, tomorrow or over the weekend. This time, when you say farewell, promise to stay in touch — and mean it.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
What you focus your attention on today will seem more important than it is, so make sure you focus on positive things. Your mind is a powerful tool and can create happiness as easily as it creates sadness.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Partners and loved ones will be full of themselves today and you may find it hard to get a word in edgeways. Give the impression you are listening, even if your mind is far away.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You have much to do over the next 24 hours, so start early and don't expect to get home until late. When your head hits the pillow, put all the worries of the day behind you. Tomorrow will be as trying. Get some rest.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Mercury, planet of communication and the mind, joins the Sun in the most creative area of your chart today. What does that mean? You must let the world know your achievements — of which there are plenty.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
What happens today, tomorrow and over the weekend may look chaotic but if you cross your eyes slightly, you will see there is a pattern. Never doubt that your life is moving in the right direction.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
The more you are on the move the today, the more likely it is you'll meet people who bring a smile to your face. What could be more important than that?

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
You will, as usual, get your way today and you will, as usual, win whatever battle of words and wits you are involved in. But, just because you win does not mean you are right.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
If you are not doing so already, you should be making big plans. Cosmic activity in your birth sign indicates that the more things you start the more you will accomplish and the more fun you will have.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
It may seem as if you are being held back by circumstances beyond your control but is that true? The planets indicate it's likely that you're putting mental obstacles in your path that have no reason being there.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Friendships and social activities are under excellent stars but why wait for other people to make things happen? Get out and make them happen yourself. A sense of adventure will take you a long way.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
Someone in a position of authority will praise you for a job well done and your confidence will go through the roof. But don't get sloppy. The reason you did such a good job was because you planned and worked hard. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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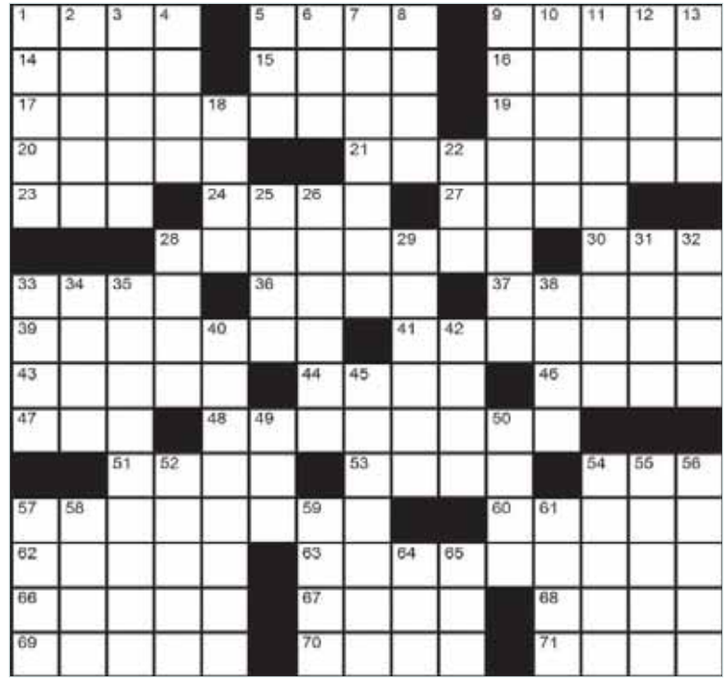


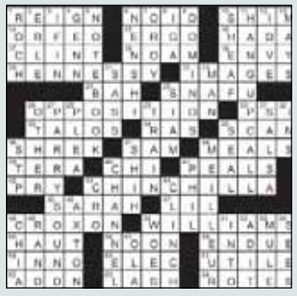
**Across**

1. Supreme god of Greek myth
5. Actress Cameron
9. Snail's trail
14. Once
15. "Why, __ __ honoured!"
16. Hermit
17. "Canada AM" viewing time
19. Hockey game instrument
20. Harsh
21. City on Lake Ontario between Hamilton and Toronto
23. Dadaist Jean
24. Top notcher
27. Simplicity
28. Winter shoveller's side-of-driveway creation
30. Obi-__ Kenobi
33. Diminutive data
36. CD part, variantly
37. Q. "__ '__' a U2 song?" A. "Yes."
39. Regina-born actor Leslie
41. It's helpful in making a comparison
43. Military trainee
44. 19th-century Danish composer, Niels __
46. Prefix meaning 'Thought'
47. 'Verb' suffix (Wordy)
48. Not a good fit
51. Uncommon, in Latin
53. Writer Roald
54. Directions provider
57. China's biggest city
60. Depart
62. "Rolie __ Olie"
63. Toronto transport
66. For __ __ see (Open for the public)
67. Promissory notes
68. Stylish
69. Ancient civilization of Central America
70. Family __
71. Sacred

**Down**

1. Z as in __
2. Mistake
3. Consume completely: 2 wds.
4. Pre-wedding event
5. "Who cares?" = "What's the __?"
6. Ms. Lupino
7. Does sponge work
8. Catherine __-Jones
9. European country where Bratislava is the capital
10. Loughlin and Singer
11. Artsy area of Calgary
12. Lunch, for example
13. Coastal bird [var. sp.]
18. Genghis __ (Mongol emperor)
22. Mattel guy
25. Encrypt
26. "Dallas" family, The __
28. Exclusive
29. Evangeline's home
31. Ms. Jolie, to pals
32. Single-named singer with a hyphen in his name
33. Sudbury landmark, __ Superstack
34. Ms. Vardalos, and others
35. __-funded agency
38. Dropped in standings
40. Primitive fish
42. Belgium neighbour, for short
45. Michael Ferguson, __ General of Canada
49. "Uh-uh."
50. She, in Sherbrooke
52. "West Side Story" (1961) character
54. Manly
55. Help
56. "When a Man Loves a Woman" by __ Sledge
57. Meat-in-a-can
58. Greeting in Granada!
59. "Be that __ __ may..."
61. Engrave
64. Ms. McClanahan
65. 'Legal' suffix (Lawyer-speak)

### Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 4 | 7 | | 6 | 8 | 2 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 8 | | | | | | 6 | 4 |
| | | 9 | 3 | | 1 | 5 | | |
| | 7 | | | 4 | | | 3 | |
| | | 2 | 5 | | 8 | 9 | | |
| 8 | 6 | | | | | | 1 | 3 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | 9 | 3 | 8 | | 2 | 7 | 5 | |

### Yesterday's Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| 7 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| 8 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| 9 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 6 |
| 2 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
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